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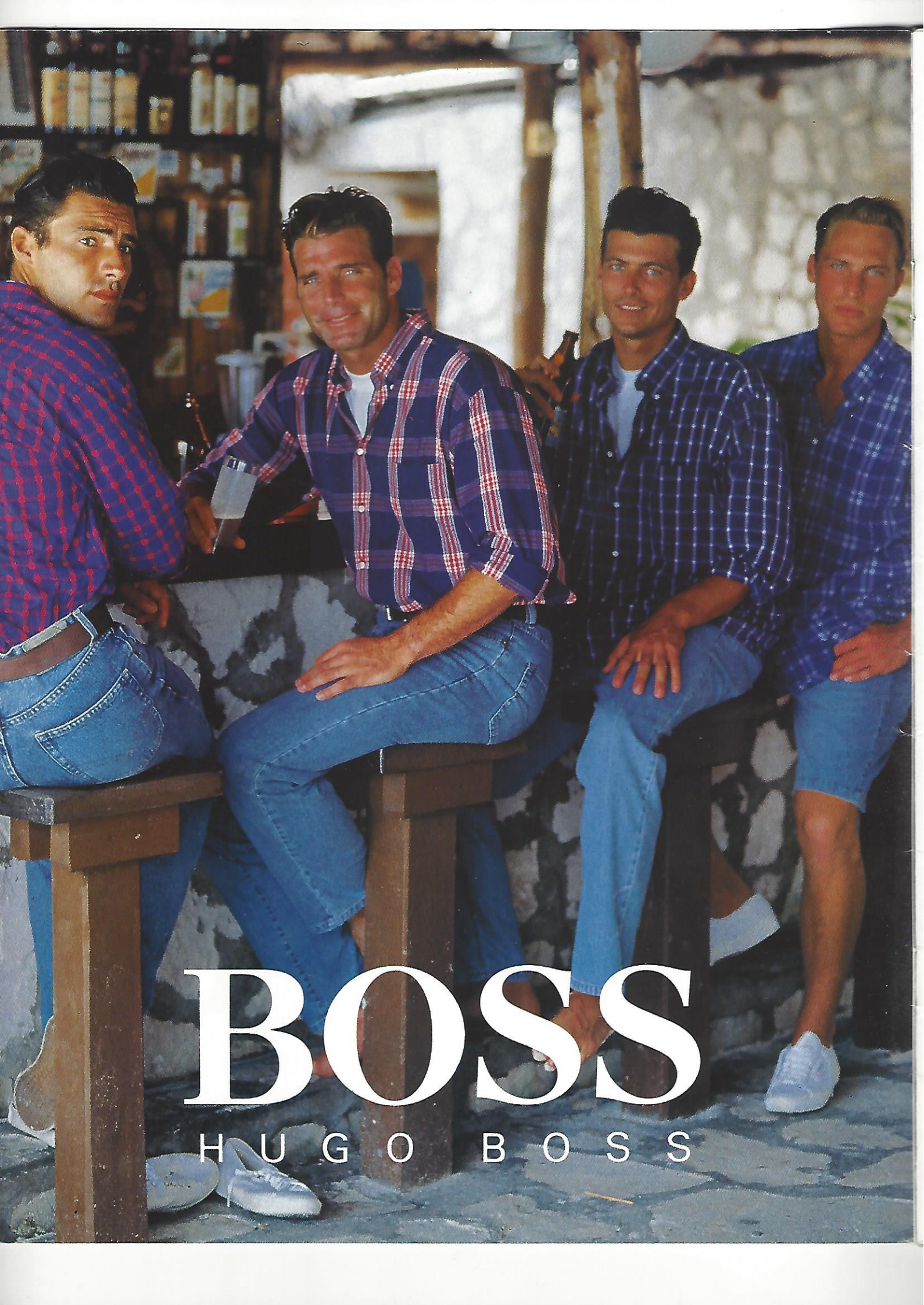
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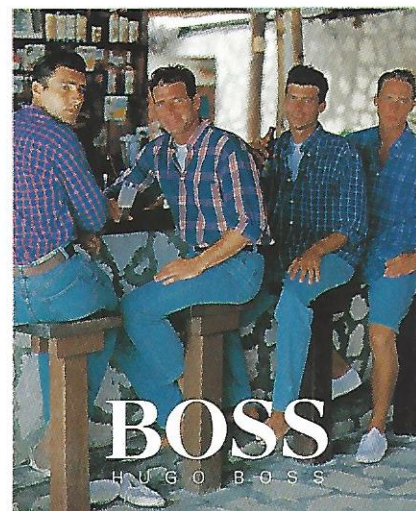
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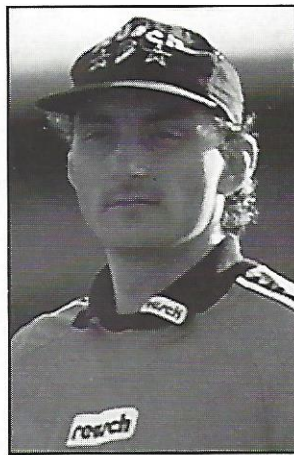
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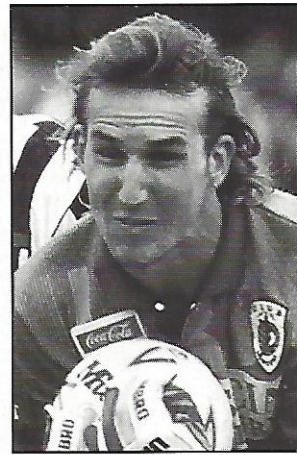
Who should be Australia's number one choice goalkeeper? Should it be Mark Schwarzer, whose two brilliant penalty saves against Canada kept the *Coca-Cola* Socceroos on track for America '94? Does Adelaide City custodian Robert Zabica, who was sent off in Edmonton and automatically missed the return leg in Sydney, deserve to retain the top job? Or should national coach Eddie Thomson get on the telephone to England and try to persuade Mark Bosnich out of self-imposed international retirement? All three have the credentials to hold down the position. We want your thoughts on the issue as Thommo prepares for the South American and final leg of the marathon qualifying quest. Schwarzer, Marconi's *Coca-Cola* Soccer League goalkeeper of the year last season, had a real baptism of fire but has he enough experience to



• **Bosnich**



• **Zabica**



• **Schwarzer**

cope with the pressure that playing in front of a hostile South American crowd demands? Zabica is by far the most experienced but has he lost some of the edge to his game? Bosnich was the number one for the New Zealand series but should we swallow our pride and try to bring

him back to the fold. What do you think? Send your letters to Soccer Australia, PO Box 200, Carlton South, Victoria, 3053. Or simply fax your comments to (03) 639 2706. We will publish the best letters and make sure Eddie Thomson receives copies of all suggestions.

Big contract for young Russian

The Russians may have arrived late for the World Youth Championship in March but they did make an impact. Not only did they top Group A, relegating the *Coca-Cola* Young Socceroos to second spot, but one of their stars Alexander Karataiev has earned a lucrative contract with Bayern Munich. Karataiev scored two goals in the under-20 tournament, earning a reputation as a proven marksman. But he could do little to halt Ghana, who beat the exhausted Russians 3-0 in the quarter-final clash, before finally losing to Brazil in the final.



The second Women's World Championship will be held in Sweden in June 1995 and Australia has a good chance of being one of

the 12 competing there. Unlike the men's competition, the Oceania champion automatically qualifies for the finals. There are no special privileges for the reigning champions, USA, which won the title in China in 1991. They will have to contest the preliminary rounds to qualify for Sweden. Meanwhile, Norway are the new European women's champions beating Italy 1-0 in the final. And congratulations to our own Golden Girls who recently won the prestigious Dana youth Cup in Denmark. The young Aussies produced a spirited performance to beat Norwegian club Grand IK 1-0 in the final with the winner being scored by Queenslander Kim Revell, who was also named player of the final. In the round-robin section, Australia won its four matches, scoring 17 goals and conceding one.

Germany puts in an early bid

Germany, three times world champions and defenders of the title in America next year, wants to host the finals in 2006. France has already won the right to host the finals in 1998. And I have a sneaky feeling Japan will get the nod four years later, especially with the way the new J professional league has taken off.



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What about the penalty, Marconi?

So, have Marconi Fairfield been penalised for their crowd disturbances at last season's *Coca-Cola* Soccer League Grand Final yet? I certainly haven't heard anything about it! Preston were fined four points last year for crowd disturbance. Now if a fire isn't a disturbance, I don't know what is. Perhaps we should change the ASF's name to MSF, Marconi Soccer Federation because it seems there is a set of rules for them and a different set for the other 13 teams. Pretty unfair, don't you think, when Adelaide City are the only team to be fined for flares (when their fans didn't even throw them), and Marconi supporters start a fire and it's almost completely overlooked. I say no more! On a lighter note, in response to "Trimmers Biggest Fan" (June issue), I think a calendar featuring Australia's soccer babes is a great idea. The football ones sell like hot cakes and,

in my biased opinion, I think we've got better looking players. A 14-month calendar with a player from each team is definitely something to think about. By the way, I am Paul's biggest fan, not her! Anyway, keep up the good work. This magazine is absolutely fabulous and all involved should be knighted! Ciao!

**Adelaide City fanatic,
Modbury North, SA**

United I stand

After following Australian soccer for the first time last season, I actually thought it was not that bad. I live in Edensor Park, Sydney and followed the local team Sydney CSC.

I must say for a bunch of young lads they are not that bad after all. I otherwise follow English soccer (Man Utd). It was, however, a shame that this quite exciting young team could not make the finals. I thought they could have given other clubs a real battle, especially the eventual winners

Marconi, which are just down the road. I enjoyed watching this young team and will certainly continue to do so. In recent soccer papers I have read they have changed their name to Sydney United.

This is a good move. Perhaps we can attract more supporters like Australians or from an English background like myself. From what I have noticed, most of the dedicated support comes from the youngsters behind the goal. I hope to support them again this season and hope they can go one better. I love the name changes and will be letting others know that soccer in Australia is on the move. Certainly the skill is there and we might have our own Premier League (like England) one day. Good luck Sydney United. Love the magazine!

**New supporter, Paul Fitzharris
Edensor Park**

Zlatko, Walter we love you!

We need your help quickly! We are Greek girls who never used to watch soccer until we found pictures of ZLATKO ARAMBASIC and WALTER ARDONE who play for Sydney Olympic in the *Coca-Cola* Soccer League. We used to watch rugby league until we saw these two guys who should be models instead of soccer players. My friends and I have all started going to watch soccer but we only got to see the last three *Coca-Cola* Soccer League games of last season. We have been waiting patiently for the start of the new season.

Now we are soccer crazy buying all sorts of magazines. And we would like to know if we can get our hands on some photos.

We have gone to the Sydney Olympic Sporting Club but they only had team photos. We want some individual action shots, mostly of Zlatko and Walter ... these guys are hot.

So we were hoping if you could help us please. We are getting desperate. We need to see pictures, posters and phone numbers. We had a vote at our school to see who was the hottest soccer player. This is how the poll finished:



- #1 Walter Ardone
- #2 Milan Blagojevic
- #3 Zlatko Arambasic
- #4 Paul Trimboli

They are the best looking sports guys in Australia, not just soccer. They beat all the league, AFL and basketball players hands down.

The only depressing thing about this is we don't get pictures like we used to in all the league magazines. We go out looking for pictures of these guys but we can't find any. We don't care about the cost, we just want PICTURES.

Sydney Olympic Rulz

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Unfair on fans

I am probably one soccer's greatest fan along with many others, but after reading Mr Farrell's reply to my own I felt he was racist and biased. By reading what he said about our supporting fans I was flabbergasted and still at boiling point. One would think Sydney United has the worst fans of the league.

No-one mentions Newcastle's few over-the-top supporters because you don't get looked at in a way we do, as well as Olympics and Melita's and South Melbourne and Preston. Sure we are all ethnically backed because we started this great game in Australia, but we are all Australian clubs and always will be. I will challenge anybody to give me clips or news of when we have looked for fights at Edensor Park. Our club is similar to Olympic, we have a mob called the B.B.B. (Bad Blue Boys). We call these our true supporters who support our team in the true spirit all clubs should follow Sydney Olympic, Sydney United and Parramatta Eagles supporters.

What amazes me is, here you are Newcastle, \$2 million in debt, just admitted to

the CCSL two years ago and now you think you can go around writing about our supporters. Our club has more older supporters than young and more members. I do detect jealousy that you mentioned take the young B.B.B. out and we'll have no members. Why don't you tell that to the thousands of older supporters. I hear you say we have ethnically motivated supporters. Don't you Mr Farrell? What about your English background supporters? Our club is aiming high, we just agreed to scrap CSC, and call ourselves United, what more of change do you want.

And how can you call us troublemakers, when was the last time we made the news for trouble we had caused? I urge all supporters to support United, who have the best youth scheme along with Marconi in the CCSL. Aussie soccer needs strong supporters with flags (perhaps not poles), banners eg: B.B.B. to lighten up our game. And while I did support Croatia against the Socceroos, I also supported Australia against Canada. Tell me Julian, did you support Australia when they played England both in the WYC and Friendly

International? Maybe Julian and everyone out there, if you allowed the clubs like South Melbourne and us at CSC we might all enjoy the game more with more atmosphere, unlike only four of your supporters who can be seen wearing Newcastle jerseys making some noise. Start up a fan club like B.B.B., get more younger supporters like us, more flags and maybe then you will see what you're all missing out on.

In my book troublemakers have no room in soccer, but they start with biased letters like yours. Yes, we are backed ethnically. What about Adelaide City, Marconi, South Melbourne, Sydney Olympic, West Adelaide, Preston, Heidelberg and now Brunswick United? Are they not also ethnically backed - obviously YES!!!

**Tommy Mijac
Fairfield**

And more ...

As I am a Sydney Olympic supporter, one would think I don't pay any attention to other clubs that much. After buying the magazine for the first time (after seeing that beautiful lady on the cover) I was reading the letters section and I found some very unfair comments by a Mr Julian Farrell. He was quite unfair towards our old rivals, Sydney United and its supporters. I find his comments against people of ethnic backgrounds, like Croatians, very racist. I sometimes watch them when Sydney Olympic plays away and in all my years of following soccer, never have I seen the supporters politically motivated towards their team or start trouble with other supporters. I relate Croatian supporters similar to we Greek supporters who strongly support the club they love. So lay off the ethnics. After all we too are Australian citizens. All clubs in the CCSL are Australian or else it wouldn't be called Aussie Soccer!

No. 1 fan

NB: The views expressed by the readers of Soccer Australia are purely those of the readers themselves and not necessarily those of the editor and publishers.

Soccer 'belongs' to everyone

I wish to protest the exorbitant 'childrens' admission prices being charged by the Australian Soccer Federation to the upcoming World Cup qualifying match, Australia V Argentina at the SFS on October 31.

The ASF has, for some five years, levied ALL registered soccer players, referees and team officials in Australia to the tune of \$1-\$5 each (depending on age), to be used for the support of the Australian Soccer Federations' national teams. With some 100,000 junior (U6-U17) players registered in NSW alone, this means that the kids of NSW have contributed some \$500,00 towards the national teams since 1989. Add to that the senior players, coaches, managers, and referees who have contributed, and likewise from the other Australian states, the ASF has done very well. The national teams have attributed themselves (on the field) successfully over recent years, and the credit can largely be given to the lack-of-finances worry the ASF has gained by this financial boost.

The opportunities to see the Australian Socceroos 'A' side (ie: the "DREAM TEAM") in the flesh are rare, and I was disgusted to learn that the ASF would charge the prohibitive admission charge of \$35 to each kid.

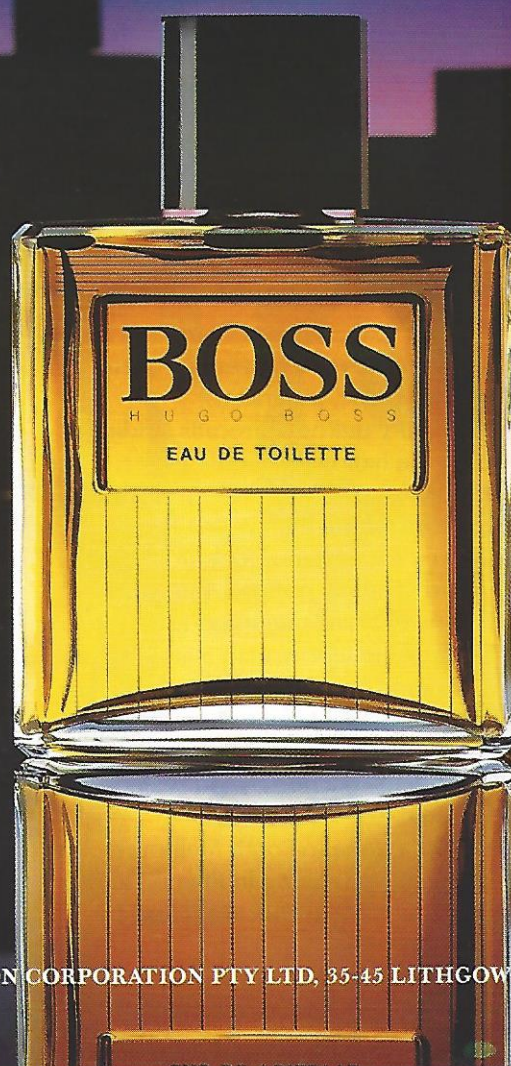
For me to take my family of four to the match would cost me some \$200 for admission, food, and transport to and from Newcastle, and for a family caught up in the recession this is just not on. In closing, the Australian Socceroos are OUR team and our kids should not be denied access to them.

Graham Parsons, Stockton, NSW

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Francis Awaratife has captured the hearts and imagination of Australian sporting fans after bursting onto the soccer scene five years ago. Once rejected by glamour club South Melbourne, he now heads their top-gun strike force. CON STAVROS recently spent a day in the life of Francis, charting the rise and rise of the league's hottest star and finding out why he kisses his shirt before every match ...

Francis Edgar Awaratife lives in the express lane. The striker, sometimes sex symbol and Coca-Cola Socceroo prospect it seems has a distinct need for speed. Parked out in front of his house in the increasingly trendy Melbourne suburb of Yarraville, is a shiny red Mazda sports car. When he's not burning the highways, Awaratife is burning defenders with a pace and style that saw him top the league goal scoring chart last season. One of the most recognisable faces in the sport, Awaratife is certainly one of the local game's true individuals. For Francis, being yourself is all part of the ride to the top, in a sport he only took up seriously at seventeen. Growing up in working class London with five brothers and two sisters, Awaratife almost had enough siblings to form his own soccer team, but chose to vary his sporting interests until finding a niche in the English semi-professional soccer scene.

"For the first five months I played golf everyday."

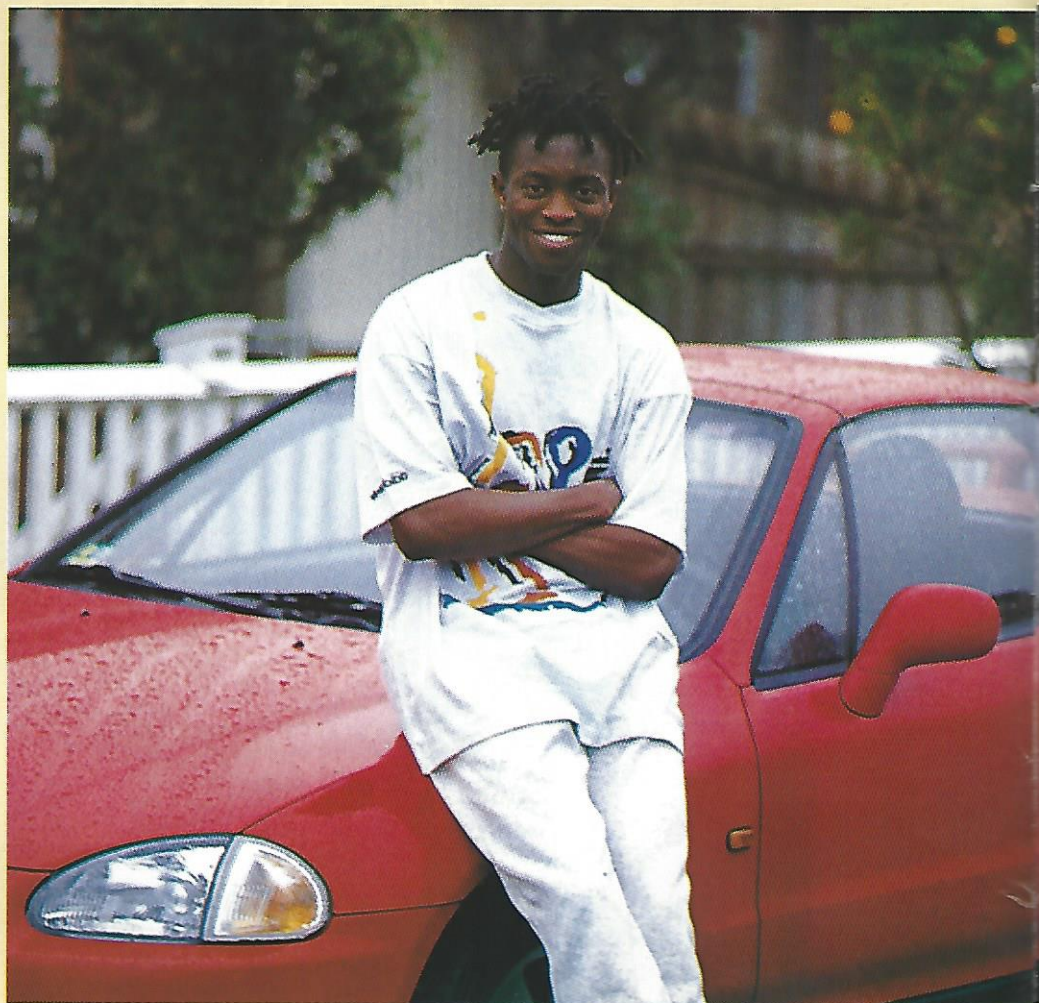
Awaratife arrived in Australia in 1988 with stints at Sutton United and Wimbledon in his resume, but with a now renowned laid back confident approach as his passport.

"I initially came to Australia for a working holiday," admits Awaratife, "I thought I would stay for a year at the most.

"For the first five months I played golf everyday and it wasn't until Croatia (now Melbourne CSC) offered me a second contract that I really thought about staying longer.

"Everything has really been about being in the right place at the right time."

Awaratife may as well put that quote on his tombstone once he makes the



journey to the great soccer pitch in the sky. For if ever a player has been opportunistic, it's Francis.

The lanky unknown recalls striding onto the hallowed Middle Park turf just a week after setting foot on Australian soil and asking then coach Brian Garvey for a chance to train with the squad. Garvey obliged, but within a few weeks had suggested Awaratife try his luck in the Victorian State leagues. "I thought I was good enough to play in the National League," says Awaratife, "so I tried Melbourne Croatia who were coached by Ian Wallace at the time.

"I'd only gone to South Melbourne first because I was living in Elwood at the time and Middle Park was close by.

Croatia let me train with them and kept in touch during the off season. I played in a pre-season Croatian tournament and I ended up as leading scorer, after which they offered me a contract along with Ivan Kelic. They didn't really have any strikers then because Paul Lewis was leaving, so I happened to come along at the right time."

History of course would show that four seasons later South Melbourne would pay Melbourne CSC \$29,000 for Awaratife.

"At that point it was time for a change after being with Melbourne CSC for so long. South had lost Kimon Taliadoros and I felt they had a good chance of winning the title.

Again Awaratife was the right man at

THE RISE AND RISE OF FRANCIS

the right time. When opportunity knocks, you can be sure it's Francis who'll answer.

"Sex symbols are Hollywood stars and I'm not a Hollywood star."

Comfortable in his tastefully furnished home, the 29 year old is one of the most obliging players in the game. Whatever fame has brought Francis, it certainly hasn't gone to his dread-locked head. The Awaratife image is clearly sculpted

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from the contemporary London scene of fashionable clothing and evolving style. "I don't go out and deliberately create an image," he says. "I've never been afraid to be different though. When I was in school all the kids liked soul music and even though I did too, I also loved Queen and Freddie Mercury. They all thought I was weird. "I've never been afraid to do something someone else might consider as strange. If you look the way I do, you are going to attract attention. I get embarrassed sometimes with the publicity, but over time you get used to it." Much of the publicity Awaratife gets is from a growing army of women fans who are quick to label him as the sexiest man in soccer. But the sex symbol tag doesn't sit comfortably with Awaratife. "Definitely not." when asked if he thinks of himself as a sex symbol. "That just makes me laugh. Sex symbols are Hollywood stars and I'm not a Hollywood star. "I'm a man and I'd be lying if I said my ego wasn't flattered by the attention. But I find it surprising." Awaratife, who lives alone, has a house full of modern furniture and a wardrobe full of equally modern clothes.



"I like to think I'm Axl Rose or Billy Joel once in a while."

like everything from tailored suits to torn jeans." Awaratife's lounge features, aside from the modern essentials, a digital electric piano which he has had for two years. "I like to think I'm Axl Rose or Billy Joel once in a while," he laughs before demonstrating some of his prowess with a few bars of "The Entertainer". Despite some formal lessons, let me just say it's lucky Francis can score goals. When he's not tickling the keyboard,

"When I was furnishing the house I flirted with really, really old stuff or really modern stuff, but I decided I was a modern person. With the clothes it goes back to living in London. Everyone there is competing to be well dressed. I like paying a little extra for my clothes if it means something with better quality that will last longer. I

Awaratife is likely to be tapping the keyboard of a computer in his job as a computer support technician for BHP Petroleum.

"I was the classic kid out of school who didn't know what he wanted to do," says Awaratife. "Computing was something that I fell into."

Whilst that philosophy by now shouldn't surprise anyone, Awaratife has started to think about his future and made some plans.

"Both my soccer and work are important to me equally," he admits. "I couldn't do one without the other, but I have to be realistic and realise I can't play soccer forever."

Awaratife on the soccer front plans to play for at least another three years before even considering retirement.

"I don't drink or smoke and I look after myself, so I've a few years left," he says.

On the personal front Awaratife will doubtless break many a heart with the news that he is involved in a "fairly serious" relationship with his girlfriend of two years, Joanne.

"Jo's been really good for my soccer actually," he admits, "she's no soccer expert, but she can look at the game objectively and pick out my mistakes. She's been really good with my diet also."

A glance at the Awaratife meal schedule doesn't suggest much wrong with the food intake. A worshipper of Pasta, Awaratife's favourite meal is Spaghetti Marinara, which he partakes of regularly at Toscani's on Chapel Street, because as Francis admits, "I can't cook it." Awaratife's typical day begins at 7.30 with a breakfast of cereal, fruit salad and orange juice. At work by 8.45, Awaratife generally takes a fish or pasta lunch in his company's subsidised cafeteria before finishing at 5pm and heading to training. Home again by 8.30, he will regularly dine on Pasta, occasionally red meat or often another bowl of cereal. "I'm not really into junk food, although I've become a bit of an addict at McDonalds since joining South Melbourne," confessed Awaratife. "South Melbourne players, especially Paul Trimboli can't go past a McDonalds it seems without going in." With South Melbourne training four nights a week, Awaratife gets little time for social activity. "When I first came to Australia I went a bit crazy with the nightclub scene," he confesses, "but now I'm more into dinners and going to friend's places." With his family still in London, Awaratife tries to head back at least once every two years. He still hopes to one day revisit his parents original homeland of Nigeria, where Francis spent seven years as a young boy living with an aunt, whilst his parents battled to establish themselves in England. The elements of his culture and upbringing have remained an integral part of Awaratife's psyche as a person. As a prominent black athlete in Australia, Awaratife is well aware of the rigours associated with racist behaviour. "If you are a black player in team sports you have to learn to cope with it (racial abuse)," he says. Black athletes have to cope with having that extra-restraint. "There are opponents who definitely go out to needle you with derogatory terms. It happens to me all the time. It's not so much the crowd, but opponents. You have to try and rise above it. I just use it as a spur. If I wasn't a threat to them they wouldn't bother. With me the obvious



"South Melbourne players, especially Paul Trimboli, can't go past McDonalds without going in."

thing to pick on is my colour." Awaratife, who scored a league high nineteen goals last season in his first year with South Melbourne, is aiming for a similar tally this year. To achieve that, he will need to continue his uncanny ability to be in the right spot at the right time. "I probably could have scored even more last year, because I missed some easy ones. but hey, you've got to be there to miss them," he adds quickly. To keep up the Awaratife magic, Francis will continue his remarkable pre-match superstition of kissing the number on the back of his shirt. The rather unusual ritual began in Awaratife's days at Melbourne CSC where before a particularly lucky day he decided to kiss the number 11 on his shirt "I've been doing that ever since," he admits, before realising that's just the kind of ammunition he doesn't need to give to club pranksters like Angie Postecoglou. "I'll never hear the end of this now from people like him." Awaratife's express life has accelerated of late with growing involvements in the media. After starring in the ABC's children's series Big Square Eye, Awaratife gained prominent national attention on the high rating Nine Network game show Sale of the Century. Awaratife, managed to win his heat, (the show is based on speed of course.) before losing in the semi-finals. "Actually if there is any justice Angie Postecoglou should have won our heat, because he was killing us before he got trapped into buying gifts for his home viewer," admits Awaratife, giving Postecoglou even more ammunition for the training track. With the television exposure and colour modelling spread in Melbourne's Herald-Sun in his portfolio, Awaratife, hasn't ruled out a career in the media after life in football. "I'd consider that if it came along," he admits. "I know I don't want to coach so something like radio reports or special comments on T.V. could be perfect." For now though Awaratife, like always, will continue living life at the fullest in the fast lane waiting for the right opportunity to appear at the right time. On his past record who could blame him.

SOCCKER BY THE STARS

Zodiac expert DEMI THEMELIOS has an eye for the stars. A self-confessed non-watcher of soccer, she's perfectly placed to give us an unbiased astrology angle on soccer's hottest heroes. We asked her to take a look at Francis Awaratife first-up.

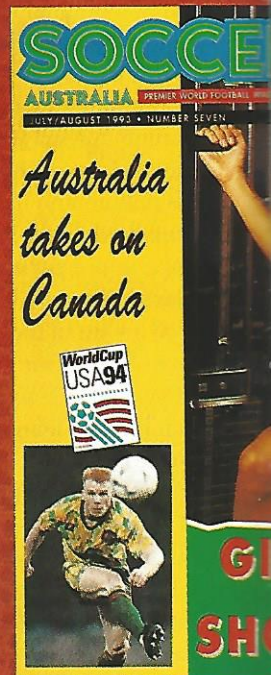
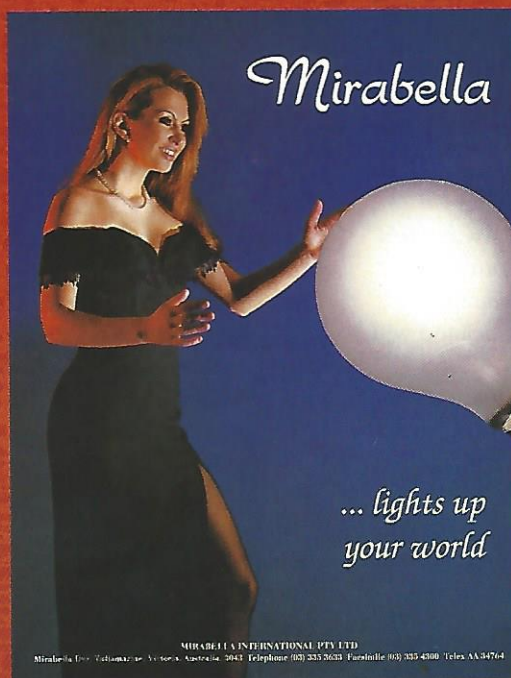
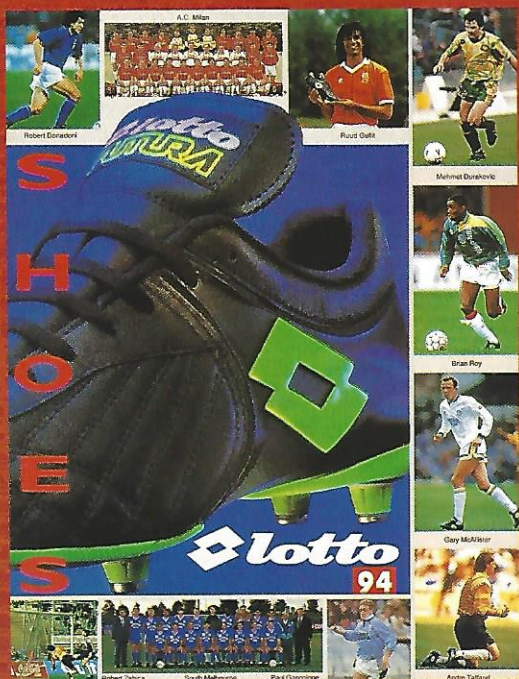
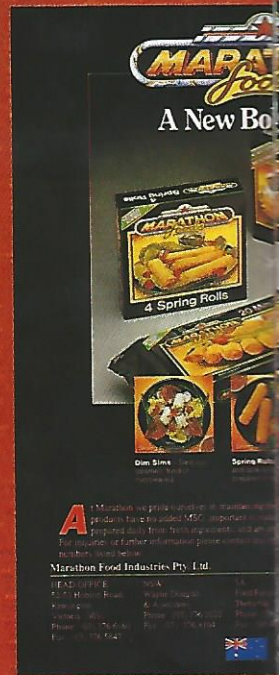
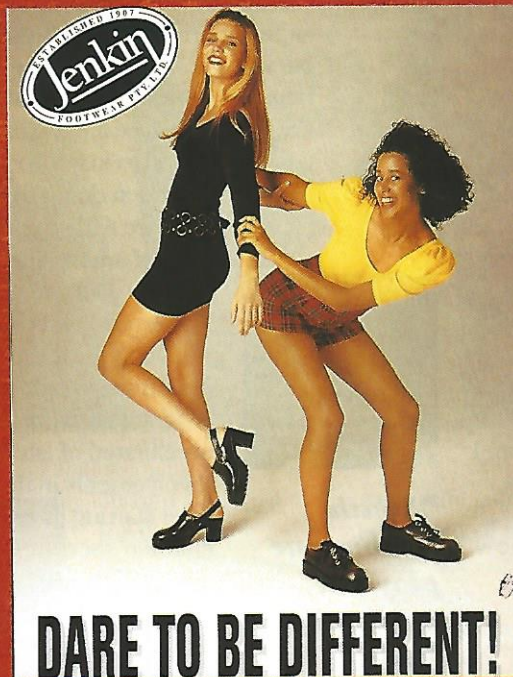
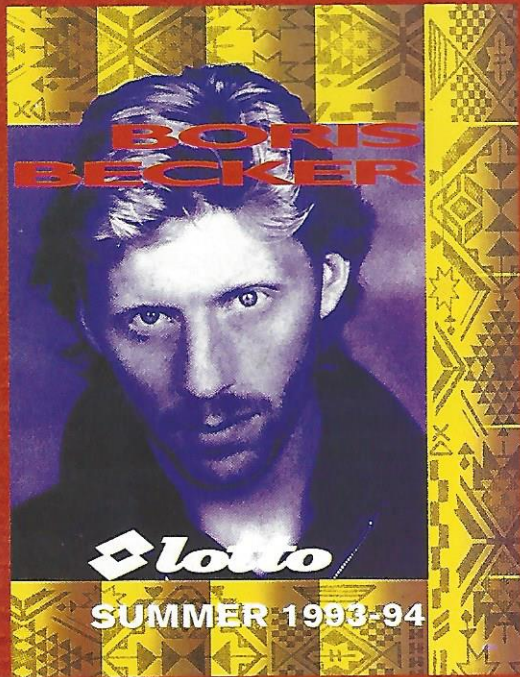
FRANCIS AWARATIFE
BORN APRIL 18, 1964

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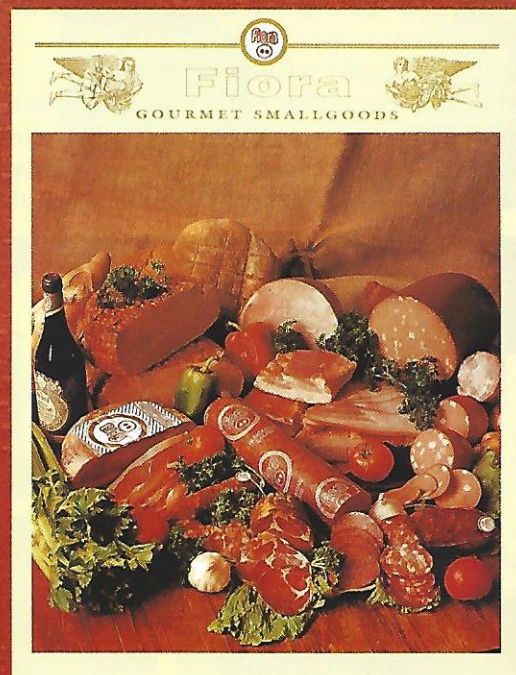
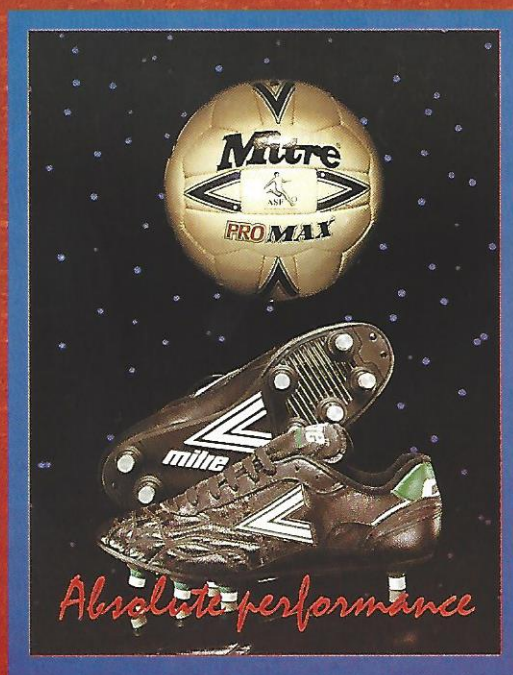
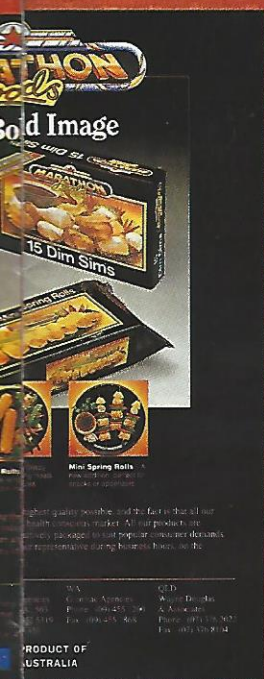
His features are regular, his speech and body movements, direct and enthusiastic. His physique is awkwardly lanky but strong and there is a freshness about his looks. This man is typically ARIES, always looking for his next challenge. Francis is a man on the go! All the way to the top! His aggressive and pioneering spirit allows him to conquer new territories and/or excel at what he does best - sport. His infectious enthusiasm and love of challenge help shrug off any disappointment and inspire and motivate colleagues. A natural leader. His life is a treasure trove of possibilities! And justly so, because Francis has a keen eye and will not miss out on opportunities that pass others by. Francis exerts a childlike, restless energy - fiery, impulsive and impatient. but when channelled, it transforms into power and propelling speed. He is quick, if not always graceful in his movements.

On a quieter level, Francis can be quite a complex, misunderstood creature. Indeed he loves to think and read and can be quite the philosopher - devolving into the broader issues of life. He is honest about his goals and ambitions, eager to take risks and just as eager to take command. He sees rivalry as competitive challenge. Yet Francis appears an extrovert. He is hospitable and very sociable. He will always exhibit a sense of humour (his best attribute), gaining affection socially at every party.

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MARCONI FAIRFIELD

Frank Arok

Date of birth: 20-01-32.

Place of birth: Kanjiza (N Yugoslavia)

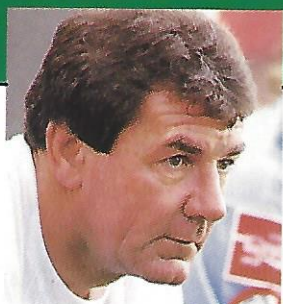
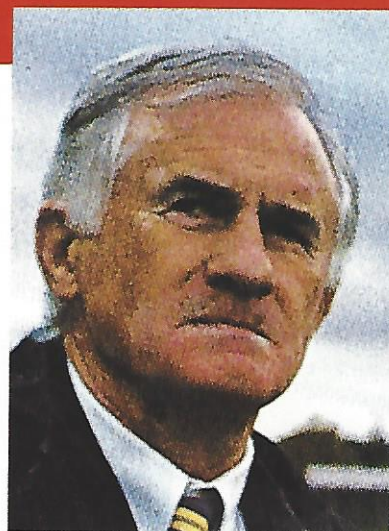
Previous clubs: Novi Sad, Vojvodina (Yugoslavia), St George.

Achievements: Youngest coach in Yugoslavian first division (29). Three CCSL Premierships (St George, 1982 and 1987. Marconi, 1992-93). CCSL Championship (St George, 1983). NSW State League (St George, 1981). **Coca-Cola** Socceroo coach (7 years)

Prediction for this season: Big three (Marconi, South Melbourne and Adelaide City) the ones to beat again.

Sydney Olympic will be revitalised and other top six spots fought out between Melbourne Knights, Heidelberg, West Adelaide and Sydney United.

System preferred: (4-4-2, 5-3-2, 4-3-3): Not interested in a system. We try to play as close to total football as possible.



BRISBANE Bruce Stowell

Date of birth: 20-09-41

Place of birth: Bradford (England)

Previous clubs: Newcastle Breakers, Western Suburbs, Sydney Olympic.

Achievements: Coached Australian under-16 team to World Cup quarter-finals in 1985 (China) and 1987 (Canada). Qld State Director of Coaching (1983-91) and Papua New Guinea national coach.

Prediction for this season: We won't be wooden spooners. We'll be far more competitive than last season.

System preferred (4-4-2, 5-3-2, 4-3-3): It varies with the players but I am great believer in the "Diamond shape" - three defenders, five midfielders and two strikers - but this is flexible.

THE CCSL

Where we'll finish ...

WOLLONGONG CITY

David Ratcliffe

Date of birth: 09-03-57

Place of birth: Dewsbury (England)

Previous clubs: Wollongong

Achievements: Youngest coach in CCSL. Reached CCSL play-offs (on a shoestring budget) for past two seasons

Prediction for this season: Aiming to do as well as previous two seasons and reach CCSL play-offs again.

System preferred (4-4-2, 5-3-2, 4-3-3): 4-4-2. Suits the players I have at Wollongong. It's important to play to your strengths.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Alberto Mariani

Date of birth: 19-5-56

Place of birth: Sydney, (Australia)

Previous clubs: Marconi.

Achievements: Three CCSL grand finals (two championships).

Two minor premierships.

Mariani has also won Coach of the Year (twice) and is assistant to national coach Frank Arok.

Prediction for this season: To build a firm foundation for the future.

The squad and the club has the potential to get into the top six ... that's our main aim.

System preferred (4-4-2, 5-3-2, 4-3-3): I don't work to any particular system, except to play an efficient, attacking system.

It depends who we are playing and the circumstances of the game.



COACHES

and how we'll do it

SOUTH MELBOURNE

Jim Pyrgolios

Date of birth: 27-12-39

Place of birth: Athens (Greece)

Previous clubs: Northcote City, Western Suburbs, Mordialloc

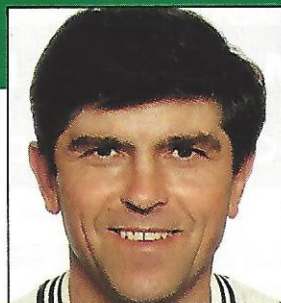
Achievements: As assistant coach to Puskas winning the 1991 CCSL Grand Final.

Top five finishes in Vic State League with Northcote and Western Suburbs.

Prediction for this season: It will be a very hard year but we will be trying to finish on top as we always aim that high.



System preferred (4-4-2, 5-3-2, 4-3-3): Prefer not to play to a system. It depends on what players can do. I also change the tactics to suit the opposition.



ADELAIDE CITY Zoran Matic

Date of birth: 25-12-44

Place of birth: Rasevica (Yugoslavia)

Previous clubs: Adelaide City, White City Woodville

Achievements: CCSL Premiers twice, CCSL Cup winners twice. Longest serving current coach in CCSL.

Prediction for this season: If we are good enough we will be there (top six) again

System preferred (4-4-2, 5-3-2, 4-3-3): 4-3-3. But now I have to play more conservative (4-4-2) because the quality is not as high as when I first came to the club.

PARRAMATTA EAGLES

Rale Rasic

Date of birth: 26-12-35

Place of birth: Mostar (Yugoslavia)

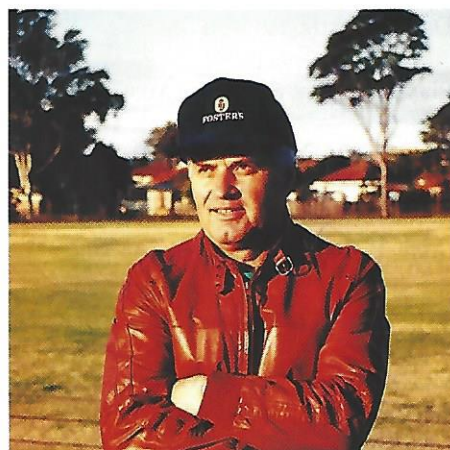
Previous clubs: St George, Marconi, Sydney Olympic, Adelaide City, South Melbourne, Blacktown, Apia, Footscray JUST

Achievements: Rasic coached the Coca-Cola Socceroos to their only World Cup finals appearance to date in Munich in 1974. Sport Australia Hall of Fame. Coach of the

year (Apia 1987). St George won Tokyo International tournament in 1971. NSW state coach 1993.

Prediction for this season: Opposition did not take notice of us last season. They will this season. Looking to repeat top six placing.

System preferred (4-4-2, 5-3-2, 4-3-3): Don't play to a system. Total football has been the name of the game since 1974 and that is how I continue to operate



MORWELL FALCONS

Bobby McLachlan

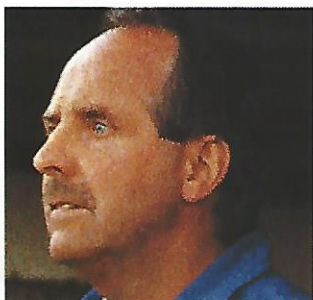
Date of birth: 03-09-38

Place of birth: Glasgow (Scotland)

Previous clubs: Footscray JUST, Green Gully, Preston Makedonia

Achievements: Winning the Victorian Premier League with Morwell Falcons. Helping Morwell winning national league status. Titles with Green Gully (1983-84).

Prediction for this season:



To bridge the gap between last season (finishing third bottom) and the top six this season.

System preferred (4-4-2, 5-3-2, 4-3-3): 4-3-3. That's the one I prefer.

WEST ADELAIDE

Raul Blanco

Date of birth: 4-12-41

Place of birth: Buenos Aires, (Argentina)

Previous clubs: Sydney Olympic, Parramatta Eagles, St George, Marconi, Canterbury.

Achievements: Umbro Cup with Parramatta (1977). NSW second division title. NSW State title three times. Charity Shield (Marconi). NSL Cup (Parramatta).

Prediction for this season: We should do a little better



than last season and try to get in the play-offs.

System preferred (4-4-2, 5-3-2, 4-3-3): I prefer 4-4-2 but sometimes you have to re-adjust to consider your opponents. It's important to have options and be prepared for changes.

HEIDELBERG UNITED

Dragoslav Sekularac

Date of birth: 8-11-43

Place of birth: Stip, (Yugoslavia)

Previous clubs: Red Star Belgrade, Guatemala (national coach), Footscray JUST, Club America (Mexico).

Achievements: Coach of the Year (Footscray JUST and Red Star Belgrade). CONCACAF

club champion with Club America (1991). Guatemala (36 internationals, no losses), National League Cup winners (Heidelberg 1992-93).

Prediction for this season: We will finish eighth in the league.

System preferred (4-4-2, 5-3-2, 4-3-3): The system which most modern sides play ... 1-3-5-2.



MELB BRUNSWICK UTD

John Margaritis

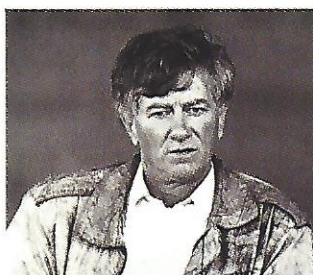
Date of birth: 27-8-39

Place of birth: Salonika, (Greece)

Previous clubs: South Melbourne, Heidelberg, West Adelaide, Melbourne Brunswick United, Footscray JUST.

Achievements: National champions (West Adelaide 76, South Melbourne (74, 75). Runner-up twice. Heidelberg twice finished in top four.

Prediction for this season: We are building a new team, virtually from



scratch, so it is difficult to give an accurate prediction. But we won't finish last!

System preferred (4-4-2, 5-3-2, 4-3-3): I prefer 3-4-3 but it all depends on the options available to you. I like to play attacking football but that is not always possible.

NEWCASTLE BREAKERS

James Foley

Date of birth: 24-07-53

Place of birth: Newcastle (Australia)

Previous clubs: Highfield Azzurri, Central Coast, Wallsend

Achievements: NNSW State Director of Coaching and Far North Queensland State Director of Coaching. NSW State League championship (Wallsend 1979-80). Central Coast (R/U 1990). Highfield minor premiers in NNSW first division in 1992.

Prediction for this season: We will have a competitive



side and we will try to play positive soccer which fans will like.

System preferred (4-4-2, 5-3-2, 4-3-3): That which suits the players at my disposal.



SYDNEY UNITED

Manfred Schaefer

Date of birth: 12-2-43

Place of birth: Koeingsberg (Germany)

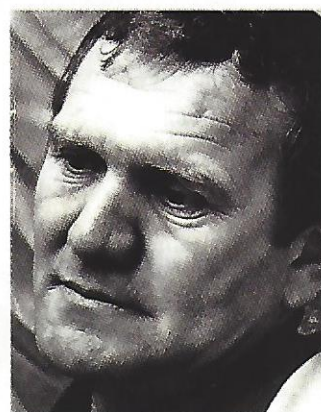
Previous clubs: St George, Sydney Olympic, Brunswick Juventus, Apia Leichhardt

Achievements: NSW State title. Australian Cups (1983 and 1985). Won National League Northern Division grand final (1986).

Prediction for this season: We will be very competitive and I feel we can sneak into the top six.

There is a new board who are all professional people. There is little money to buy players but I am happy the squad I have can do the job.

System preferred (4-4-2, 5-3-2, 4-3-3): Whatever system suits the players I have on the field.



MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

Mirko Bazic

Date of birth: 2-11-38

Place of birth: Bjelovar, (Croatia)

Previous clubs: Kozara (Croatia), Dinamo Zagreb, Borca (Croatia), Windsor Wheels (Canada).

Achievements: Won a league title with Kozara.

Dinamo Zagreb (third in league 1976).

Canada champions (Windsor 1988).

Prediction for this season: We will be competitive.

System preferred (4-4-2, 5-3-2, 4-3-3): As a team we will play to our strengths.

These will determined on the day.

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ADELAIDE CITY

Has been unusually active in the transfer market negotiating with Mike Smith, Mike Reda, Goran Lozanovski, Sean Cranney and Marc Wingell. Zoran Matic has declared this will be his last season as coach and the appointment of John Nyskohus as assistant is an obvious move to groom a successor.

1992-93

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
ROSS ALOISI	3	4	0	19	17.4.73
JOE BARBARO	5	9	2	21	2.1.72
MICHAEL BROOKS	18	4	0	21	24.3.71
ROBERT CSOBOTH	15	7	0	27	7.10.65
MIKE GRBEVSKI	10	0	1	25	6.4.67
MILAN IVANOVIC	30	0	0	32	21.12.60
STEVE MAXWELL	20	6	6	28	7.1.65
SERGIO MELTA	24	1	2	33	19.1.59
DAMIAN MORI	31	0	13	22	30.9.70
JOE MULLEN	23	5	4	29	5.1.64
NEMANJA OBRADOVIC	9	3	0	22	14.4.70
PAUL SHILLABEER	23	0	0	29	29.9.63
CARLO TALLADIRA	21	2	1	21	23.6.71
ALEX TOBIN	30	0	2	27	3.11.65
CARL VEART	31	0	13	22	21.5.70
TONY VIDMAR	9	0	0	22	4.7.70
CHARLEY VILLANI	8	0	1	30	2.3.62
ROBERT ZABICA	31	0	0	28	9.4.64
COACH					
ZORAN MATIC	31			48	25.12.44

1993-94

- **CLOSE SEASON MOVES:** Ross Aloisi trialled in Belgium, Michael Brooks played on loan with White City Woodville while Carl Veart has been trialled with Everton.
- **DEPARTURES:** John Aloisi to Antwerp (Belgium) \$70,000. Nemanja Obradovic, released to Bonnyrigg Eagles (NSW). Robert Csoboth to Pesci (Hungary). Charlie Villani, retired. Mike Grbevski to St George (NSW).
- **ACQUISITIONS:** Goran Lozanovski (Preston, \$30,000). John Nyskohus (ex-Modbury) appointed assistant coach. **TARGET:** John Markovski (Preston).
- **LIKELY STARTING XI:** Robert Zabica. Paul Shillabeer, Milan Ivanovic, Alex Tobin, Tony Vidmar. Sergio Melta, Goran Lozanovski, Carlo Talladira. Damian Mori, Carl Veart, Steve Maxwell. Squad: Ross Aloisi, Joe Barbaro, Michael Brooks, Joe Mullen.

BRISBANE

The break saw wholesale changes off the park with a new board taking over after doubts about the long term survival of the club following the debts incurred in the opening two seasons in top competition. The new board includes former ASF chairman Ian Brusasco. The changes are likely to result in a far closer control of finances.

1992-93

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
MARK BATTISTIN	11	3	3	21	5.9.71
JOHN BROWN	17	3	2	27	24.3.66
STEVE BULLOCK	20	1	1	26	5.10.66
IBRO CAHUT	17	3	0	26	31.7.66
KIERON COOPER	6	4	1	30	6.9.62
SEAN CRANNEY	11	0	1	19	2.10.73
TROY CRANNEY	21	0	3	21	9.2.72
BRAD DITTON	2	9	1	19	17.4.74
ROB FARROW	10	0	0	30	15.4.63
MARK GREER	6	2	0	28	20.4.65
STEIN GRODUM	13	3	0	28	19.2.65
GLEN GWYNNE	25	0	0	21	22.2.72

DANNY HALLIGAN	24	1	0	28	17.2.65
ALAN HUNTER	18	0	4	28	30.7.64
STEVE JACKSON	6	0	0	28	2.8.64
BRENLEY JEFFERD	5	6	0	19	31.10.73
CLAYTON KOCH	13	2	4	22	12.7.70
FRANK PIMBLETT	15	1	6	36	12.3.57
BRENT READ	4	1	1	23	14.2.70
MIRKO RUNJE	16	0	0	26	10.8.66
CHRIS SLATER	21	1	3	23	16.4.70
JOE STIPANCIC	5	6	1	24	11.1.69
DANIEL STOWERS	0	4	0	19	3.2.74
OWN GOALS				1	
COACH					
MIRON BLEIBERG	26			38	9.2.55

1993-94

- **CLOSE SEASON MOVES:** Bruce Stowell appointed as coach.
- **DEPARTURES:** Glen Gwynne being sought by Parramatta, Troy Cranney a target for Adelaide City. Steve Bullock (returned to UK). Players given free release: Battistin, Cahut, Cooper, Greer, Halligan, Jefferd, Runje, Stipancic, Stowers.
- **ACQUISITIONS:** Likely to move for Danny Wright (South Melbourne) and Gary Phillips (Sydney Olympic) who have moved to Brisbane to live. Clint Bolton (AIS). Craig Collins, Craig Williams, Kevin Meacock (Nth Brisbane). Eddie Lees, Andrew Lees, Darren Hillier (Taringa). Frank Mengotti, Andrew Stowell, Warren Allen (Brisbane Lions). Alun Evans (North Star).
- **LIKELY STARTING XI:** Clint Bolton. Troy Cranney. Steve Jackson. Alan Hunter. Alun Evans. Gary Phillips. Danny Wright. John Brown. Warren Allen. Chris Slater. Kevin Meacock.



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BRUNSWICK UNITED

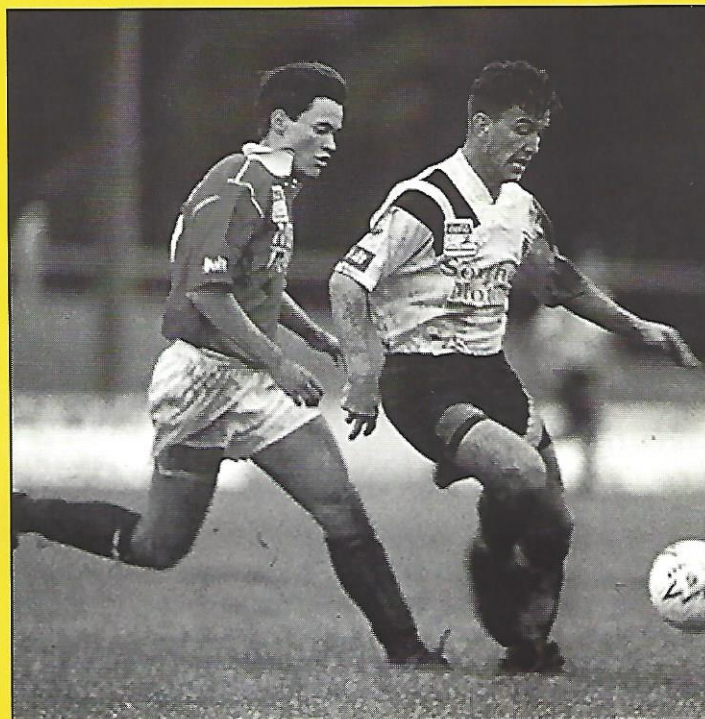
Promoted back into the league after a four season absence. Appointed John Margaritis, the coach who took the club to the 1985 CCSL championship. Retaining a core of players who have played in the Victorian Premier League, most of whom have had CCSL experience: Sean Lane, Steve Smith, Paul Della Rocca, Robert Ferla, Steve Marley, Archie McGeachy. Youngsters with potential likely to be included in the squad: Jack Asimacopoulos, Michael Mazzini. Signed: Sash Becvinovski (Morwell Falcons), Andrew Zinni (Preston). Recruiting targets include a sweeper from Yugoslavia recommended to the club by Frank Arok, Arthur Kirishian, a Ukranian midfielder who has come to Australia to join his family in Melbourne, Robbie Tombolato from Morwell Falcons. **LIKELY STARTING XI:** Robert Brian. Robbie Tombolato. Steve Marley. Robbie Ferla. Paul Della Rocca. Andrew Zinni. Arthur Kirishian. Archie McGeachy. Sean Lane. Steve Smith. Sash Becvinovski. Squad members: Jack Asimacopoulos, Michael Mazzini.

HEIDELBERG UNITED

Involved in a controversy over coach Drago Sekularac, who tried unsuccessfully to get out of a newly signed contract with the club to take over at Apoel in Cyprus. Off the field, the club had to deal with a winding up order from the Taxation Department which is claiming it's owed \$70,000.

1992-93

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
PETER BORDIGNON	16	0	0	23	30.10.68
GARY BRATTAN	24	0	0	30	1.1.62
MIKE CHATZITRIFONOS	15	0	0	22	8.5.69
DAVID CLARKSON	22	0	2	24	1.2.68
ALLY DICK	10	6	1	27	25.4.65
GEORGE GEORGIADIS	13	1	0	18	29.10.74
DANNY GNJIDIC	7	8	4	19	3.7.73
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JEFF OLVER	11	0	0	31	25.12.60
JOE PALATSIDES	25	0	4	26	2.7.65
ALAN SCOTT	21	0	0	28	20.9.63
CON SIDRIVANIS	0	1	0	18	3.12.73
GEORGE SLIFKAS	15	4	1	22	18.10.69
PHIL STUBBINS	23	1	3	28	18.10.63
PETER TIKTIKAKIS	0	3	0	19	4.1.73
OWN GOALS			1		
COACH					
GARY COLE	11			36	5.2.56
GARRY MCDOWALL	12			33	6.3.59
DRAGO SEKULARAC	3				



1993-94

• **CLOSE SEASON MOVES:** David Clarkson loaned to Hong Kong and signed new two year contract on return. Phil Stubbins on loan to Polis in Malaysia. Derek Hunter loaned to Albion (Vic). Danny Gnjdjic loaned to Green Gully. Players at the end of their contract who have to either renegotiate new terms or be placed on the transfer list: Doug Hodgson, Joe Palatsides, Brain MacNicol, Alan Scott. Peter Tiktikakis loaned to Yarraville (Vic). Derek Hunter returned to Scotland after losing appeal with immigration department for change of visa status to permanent residency. Joe Palatsides voted Heidelberg's 1993 best player. Mike Michalakopoulos, on loan from South

Melbourne in 93, sought as an outright signing.

• **DEPARTURES:** Angie Goutzioulis (South Melbourne). Jeff Olver to Bulleen (\$10,000). Alistair Dick to South Africa. Eddie Kuzman to Fawkner (\$3000). Con Sidrivanis. George Slifkas (West Adelaide, \$30,000).

• **ACQUISITIONS:** Mike Michalakopoulos (South Melbourne). Goran Negic (Red Star Belgrade). Nemanja Obradovic (Bonnyrigg Eagles). Roman Nikolic (former Red Star youth captain). Harry Micheil (South Melbourne).

• **LIKELY STARTING XI:** Chatzitritfonos. Brattan. Palatsides. Scott. Obradovic. Clarkson. Stubbins. MacNicol. Gnjdjic. Negic. Michalakopoulos.

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MARCONI

The defending champion has not rested on its laurels and has been active in the transfer market, gaining possibly the biggest signing of the close season in Ghana's Ransford Banini, who played in the World Youth Championship in March this year. Frank Arok's contract has been renewed and the target is a back-to-back title.

1992-93

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
MATTHEW BINGLEY	28	0	2	21	16.8.71
STEVE CALDERAN	3	4	0	29	24.4.63
LUKE CASSERLEY	3	6	0	19	11.12.73
GUS CERRO	0	4	1	23	17.7.69
STEVE CORICA	25	2	4	19	24.3.73
JEAN PAUL DE MARIGNY	22	0	3	28	21.1.64
STEVE GEORGAKIS	0	3	0	22	25.8.70
IAN GRAY	21	1	2	29	22.7.63
ANDY HARPER	28	0	18	25	13.5.67
DARREN IOCCA	6	2	2	18	29.8.74
GLENN JOHNSON	18	5	5	20	16.7.72
GEORGE JOLEVSKI	26	0	3	23	26.3.69
BLAGOJA KULESKI	25	3	3	30	4.10.62
JAVIER MANCINO	0	2	0	19	19.1.74
FABIO MACOLINO	0	5	0	18	23.8.74
TOM MCCULLOCH	14	0	4	28	10.2.64
GRAEME PAINE	4	4	0	19	21.1.74

ERMANNO PELUCCHI	16	0	0	26	25.9.66
TONY PEZZANO	6	0	0	32	23.10.60
MARK SCHWARZER	23	0	0	20	6.10.72
UFUK TALAY	7	2	1	17	26.3.76
KIMON TALIADOROS	28	0	12	24	28.3.68
GARY VAN EGMOND	16	8	3	27	29.6.65
OWN GOALS			3		
COACH					
FRANK AROK	29			60	20.1.32

1993-94

- **CLOSE SEASON MOVES:** Steve Corica to fulfil the remaining year of his contract despite speculation that he may join an overseas club. Glenn Johnson played on loan with Blacktown in the close season. Javier Mancino cut from the senior squad. Fabio Macolino involved in negotiations for a new contract.
 - **DEPARTURES:** Steve Georgakis bought out his own contract. Steve Calderan given a free clearance in recognition of his service to the club. Graeme Paine returned to Coffs Harbour.
 - **ACQUISITIONS:** Mike Smith (Wollongong City). Johathon Angelucci (AIS ex-South Coast). Ransford Banini (Ghana).
 - **Likely starting XI:** Schwarzer. Gray. De Marigny. Bingley. Jolevski. Talay. McCulloch. Smith. Harper. Taliadoros. Corica.
- Squad members: Banini. Casserley. Iocca. Kuleski. Mancino. Macolino. Van Egmond.

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

Mirko Bazic appointed as the new coach in place of Branko Culina. Bazic had three years in charge of Dinamo Zagreb and Borac Banjaluka in the old Yugoslav first division and recently had a stint in Canada for two seasons. Melbourne was involved in a lengthy transfer hassle with South Melbourne over Andrew Marth, who signed contracts with both clubs in the close season.

1992-93

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
JOE BACAK	2	2	1	19	23.5.73
DENIS BERGAM	2	0	0	21	7.1.72
JOE BISKIC	18	1	1	33	20.5.59
BOGDAN BONK	13	2	2	34	29.9.58
VINKO BULJUBASIC	2	7	0	19	9.7.73
ADRIAN CERVINSKI	7	5	4	19	17.11.73
VAUGHAN COVENY	22	1	4	21	13.12.71
FAUSTO DE AMICIS	18	0	1	24	26.6.68
DAMIR GRGANOVIC	3	1	0	18	17.1.75
GEORGE HANNAH	15	2	0	35	18.7.57
STEVE HORVAT	25	0	3	21	14.3.71
CHRIS JACKSON	8	6	0	22	10.7.70
STEVE JERBIC	1	1	0	20	8.4.72

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
FRANK JURIC	3	0	0	19	28.10.73
IVAN KELIC	15	5	8	23	29.12.68
ANDREW MARTH	13	1	3	23	10.2.69
DAVID MILLER	18	0	0	27	27.3.65
OLLIE PONDELJAK	20	3	9	20	15.6.72
JOE RADOS	5	0	0	21	5.10.71
KRUNISLAV RAZOV	0	1	0	18	2.8.74
THEO SELEMIDIS	22	0	0	33	27.10.59
MARK SILIC	19	3	0	20	26.2.72
MARK TALAJIC	10	3	0	23	2.7.69
VLADO VANIS	22	2	0	27	13.8.65
MARK VIDUKA	3	1	2	17	9.10.75
KEN MURPHY: COACH	9			36	19.6.56
BRANKO CULINA: COACH	17			35	1.10.57

1993-94

- **CLOSE SEASON MOVES:** Mark Silic played on loan with Brisbane Utd, George Hannah missed pre-season while on vacation in Scotland. Ivan Kelic trialled with Antwerp in Belgium. Steve Horvat missed pre-season with a bone fracture in his foot.
 - **DEPARTURES:** Bogdan Bonk (Nth Geelong). Chris Jackson (Fawkner). Steve Jerbic (Nth Geelong).
 - **ACQUISITIONS:** Zoran Trajceviski (Preston). Negotiations for David Cervinski (Nth Geelong), Ante Radic and Ante Kovacevic (St Albans).
 - **LIKELY STARTING XI:** Miller. Talajic. Selemidis. Marth. De Amicis. Biskic. Trajceviski. Silic. Coveny. Viduka. Pondeljak.
- Squad members: Juric. Damian Vojtek. Vanis. Kelic. Horvat. Hannah. A.Cervinski.



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MORWELL FALCONS

1992-93

Morwell abandoned the idea of importing players after the bad experience with Andy Thorpe last season and coach Bobby McLachlan concentrated most of the close season scouting on talent in the Victorian Premier League as well as looking interstate. Budget limitations dictate that Morwell will have to shop in the bargain basement for new signings.

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB					
SASH BECVINOVSKI	26	0	9	18	15.4.72	JORGE NILO	0	1	0	21 4.8.71
RUSSELL BLACK	8	7	1	32	29.2.60	JUAN NILO	0	2	0	18 3.1.74
CLAUDIO CANOSA	11	1	1	28	23.5.63	ADRIAN PENDER	19	0	0	28 13.4.64
ANTHONY CASSAR	12	7	0	26	7.4.66	SONNY SEVIN	8	2	0	22 26.12.69
PAUL DELLA ROCCA	23	0	1	22	6.10.70	MARK STERGIPOULOS	0	1	0	19 12.6.73
PAUL DONNELLY	15	1	0	32	14.7.60	ANDY THORPE	9	0	1	32 15.9.60
JUSTIN GERI	3	4	0	18	8.9.74	ROBBIE TOMBOLATO	14	1	1	26 16.8.66
PAUL HARRIS	18	0	0	32	17.6.60	GARY UPTON	5	1	1	20 1.11.72
STEPHANE JEE	14	3	0	21	30.4.71	JOHN WADDELL	26	0	2	25 23.6.66
ZORAN MARKOVSKI	19	1	1	20	5.11.72	BILLY WRIGHT	24	1	9	30 4.11.62
STEVE MAUTONE	26	0	0	22	10.8.70	OWN GOALS			1	
GARY MCMULLEN	6	2	1	26	8.6.66	COACH				
						BOBBY MCLACHLAN	26		53	3.9.38

1993-94

• **CLOSE SEASON MOVES:** Andy Thorpe returned to England. Stephane Jee returned to NSW. Claudio Canosa and Paul Donnelly had guest stints in Malaysia. Juan and Jorge Nilo on loan to Melbourne City in the Vic State League. Zoran Markovski on loan to Albion. Sonny Sevin and Anthony Cassar played in Tasmania.

- **DEPARTURES:** Sash Becvinovski (Brunswick). Paul Della Rocca (returned to Brunswick). Paul Harris (Altona Gate). Gary McMullen (Thomastown). Russell Black (St Albans). Adrian Pender (Fawkner). Robbie Tombolato (Brunswick). Billy Wright (retired).
- **ACQUISITIONS:** Shaun Parton (Preston, \$4000), Brian Bothwell (Fawkner), John Waddell (Sunshine GC). Steve Douglas (Albion).
- **LIKELY STARTING XI:** Mautone. Markovski. Parton. Douglas. Canosa. Upton. Donnelly. Cassar. Sevin. Waddell. Wright. Bothwell. Squad members: Geri. Juan and Jorge Nilo. Stergiopoulos. Tombolato.

NEWCASTLE BREAKERS

Ran into financial problems and underwent a huge change at administrative level with the new board declaring it will undertake a tighter budget and concentrate more on players from the local area. Jim Foley, who has had two championship winning seasons with Highfield Azzurri, was appointed coach and he concentrated on gaining the services of former CCSL players based in Newcastle like Graham Jennings and Howard Tredinnick. There were several departures but the club claims it will be able to retain its three top players in Jason Polak, Warren Spink and Darren Stewart.

1992-93

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
ROD BROWN	20	0	4	28	27.1.64
MIKE GIBSON	26	0	0	29	1.3.63
TROY HALPIN	3	0	0	19	17.8.73
JOHN KOCH	17	2	1	24	26.6.68
ANDY KOCZKA	15	0	1	27	9.9.65
RALPH MAIER	26	0	0	28	5.5.64
BRAD MALONEY	14	0	3	20	19.1.72
NICK MEREDITH	21	1	3	25	11.12.67
CRAIG MOFFITT	25	0	0	25	13.9.67
BOBBY NAUMOV	9	16	0	28	14.6.64
DARREN NORTHAM	1	0	0	25	21.11.67
JASON POLAK	25	0	4	24	9.1.68

ANDREW ROBERTS	19	7	0	22	28.3.70
WARREN SPINK	23	0	16	26	4.10.66
GLEN SPROD	19	1	1	18	2.5.74
DARREN STEWART	23	0	4	26	17.5.66
MARK WILSON	0	2	0	18	4.7.74
OWN GOALS			1		
COACH					
BRUCE STOWELL	26			51	20.9.41

1993-94

- **CLOSE SEASON MOVES:** Jim Foley replaced Bruce Stowell as coach. Negotiating goalkeeping swap involving Mike Gibson for Sydney Olympic's Clint Gosling. John Koch loaned to Warringah Dolphins. Andy Koczka transfer listed. Glen Sprod listed attracted attention from Parramatta. Darren Stewart playing in Malaysia, back November.
- **DEPARTURES:** Mike Gibson (Sydney Olympic). Brad Maloney (Leichhardt). Troy Halpin (Hamilton Olympic). John Koch & Craig Moffitt (Parramatta Eagles). Jason Polak negotiating with South Melbourne.
- **ACQUISITIONS:** Mark Jones, David Lowe (Marconi, \$8000). Graham Jennings, Neil Owens, John McQuarrie (Adamstown Rosebud). Clint Gosling (Sydney Olympic). Howard Tredinnick (Highfield Azzurri).
- **LIKELY STARTING XI:** Gosling. Maier. Jones. Owens. Jennings. Tredinnick. McQuarrie. Polak. Lowe. Brown. Spink.

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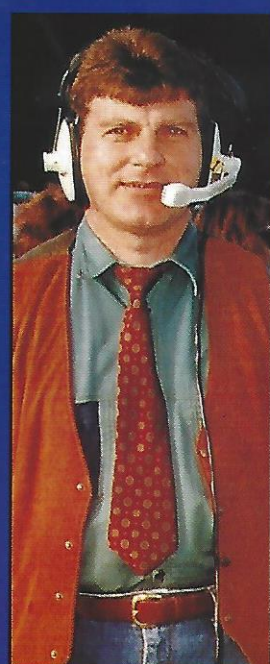
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At face value, the play-off against Argentina could not appear more daunting for our gallant **Coca-Cola Socceroos**. The pedigree of the South Americans is beyond question in terms of the world game.

However, that the Aussies should in any way be overwhelmed by the task confronting them, is a throw back to the sad old days of Aussie soccer. Whilst Argentina will be ranked outright favourite by the world media, the fact is that nothing could be further from the truth.

Argentina will long recall the anguish of their stunning 4-1 defeat at the hands of Australia back in 1988 and if anything, psychological advantage in this sprint to USA '94, will lay on the much underwritten Australians.

Should a near full compliment of Australia's overseas based players be available for the two games, Australia, in world football terms, is a 30-40% stronger nation at senior level than it was five years ago.

In the same period, the stocks of Argentina in the post Macedonia era have fallen to almost the same degree. Australia should in no way approach this next crucial confrontation with anything but the utmost confidence in their ability to match it with the mighty South Americans.

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There has been something of a mini-revolution in South American soccer in the past 12 months or so. Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay, for long considered the continent's soccer kings, have been under intense pressure recently as they bid to qualify, in many people's eyes automatically, for next year's World Cup finals. But qualification has been far from



Don't cry for us ... Argentina

rubber-stamped as Colombia proved when they beat Argentina 2-1 in Barranquilla.

That win by Colombia ended the former world champions' amazing run of 33 internationals and more than three years without defeat.

FIFA banned internationals from being played at Colombia's three main cities, Bogota, Cali and Medellin, for disciplinary reasons.

Barranquilla, just down the road from

the famed city of Cartagena, is a modern industrial city of just over one million people and is Colombia's second biggest port.

Colombia has adopted a hybrid style, combining the best of the Argentine possession game with Brazilian athleticism and flair.

And the new Rene Higuita, goalkeeper Oscar Cordoba, adds to the excitement the Colombians generate.



But it is Bolivia that is perhaps the bigger surprise package. Bolivia has enjoyed some big wins in the Group B qualifying zone - a 7-0 caning of Venezuela highlights the giant strides the country has made - and players such as Milton Melgar, Marco Etcheverry and Erwin Sanchez showing the way. Bolivia's joy has been Brazil's bitter disappointment. In a country where soccer is virtually a religion there have been reports that a special police force has been used to protect national coach Carlos Alberto Parreira ... for home games.

- Mexican goalkeeper Jorge Campos is a name to pencil in as one of the stars for the USA '94. Campos continually plays off his line during matches, quite

often some thirty metres from goal. And with good reason. He is unique in that he has played club and international football as both goalkeeper and striker. He quite often comes up for corner kicks and in the recent Copa America warm up match against Paraguay played the first half in goal and the second as striker - setting up two goals in Mexico's 3-1 win.

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Those missing the recent Australian tour of indoor World Cup winners Brazil, lost a great opportunity to see one of the main reasons why Brazil produces such a host of talented outdoor players. Indoor soccer or Futsal, is the game Brazilian kids are brought up on and is based purely on skill and

movement of the ball. The Brazilians, with world number one player, Ortiz, and Player of the Tournament, Manoel, were quite stunning against Australia winning all four "tests" comfortably.

The Australian Futsal Federation is sending its various national teams to Brazil later this year and also has accepted world number two nation, Spain here for a tour in January '94.

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Playing what the South American media dubbed football "feo"—ugly football, Argentina extended their unbeaten record to 31 matches to take out the Copa America - the South American championships, for a record fourteenth time in Ecuador in July.

Thanks to the heroics of goalkeeper Sergio Goycochea, Argentina overcame Brazil in the quarter final and Colombia in the semi final on a penalty shootout. Argentina, as distinct from the other leading South American nations, has all its overseas based players available with the exception of suspended Claudio Canniggia who cannot return to international duty until May 6 next year.

Colombia, unbeaten in the tournament, finished third and as in the Copa of '91 played some of the best football in the tournament.

Paraguay were unimpressive, providing neither results nor attractive football while Brazil and Uruguay, with a host of overseas based players missing, were disappointing.

Mexico, already finalists for the USA '94 were the surprise, reaching the finals only to go down to two splendid strikes from Argentina's ace marksman Gabriel Batistuta, 2-1.



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SO. NOW it has come to this ... 180 minutes of football (bearing extra time) stand between the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos and an appointment to join some of the giants of world soccer at the World Cup finals in the USA next year. Australia's spine-tingling, nerve-destroying penalty shoot-out win over Canada at the Sydney Football Stadium on August 15 has put them within sight of the sport's Holy Grail - and a date with history.

By the time the final qualifying matches come around in November it will be 20 years to the month since Rale Rasic's Socceroos beat South Korea to become the only Australian team to qualify for a World Cup finals.

At the time of writing, the South American group which will determine our opponents in a couple of months time was locked in a bitter battle. Surprisingly, Colombia, the popular pick to play the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos, are leading the group following an upset win over Argentina at home. Argentina or Colombia? What a sobering thought for **Coca-Cola** Socceroo coach Eddie Thomson and his players! But, I'm sure Thomson and his men will have other things on their minds for the time being, at least. There must be a million things running through the coach's mind now. Thomson must be wondering where to start.

Obviously, first priority will be to organise videos of Argentina and Colombia so he can be clear in his mind as to what lays ahead. He is also planning to fly over to see them first hand and to arrange training facilities and accommodation.

While Thomson is a great admirer of left-back Jason Van Blerk, it would not surprise if the Dutch-based defender finds himself on the outer. Van Blerk did not have a happy series against the Canadians.

The option for Thomson, who has pulled all the right moves so far and has handled the pressure superbly, is to switch the talented

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HOMETOWN HEROES

Tony Vidmar from the rightback to his preferred position on the left side and to slot in Marconi's Ian Gray. Don't discard the versatile Gray. Provided he can stay injury free, he could just be the answer for the troublesome rightback position. Tony Vidmar did a magnificent job in that role against the Canucks but I feel he is wasted there.

And after Mark Schwarzer's magnificent performance in the penalty shoot-out against Canada there would, on the surface anyway, be little doubt about his position. He did a terrific job when called on in the first leg in Edmonton after Robert Zabica was sent off and was competent in the return match. However, and he'll probably agree, he should have done better with Lyndon Hooper's equaliser in Sydney. It appeared a relatively harmless strike and Mark got both hands to the ball. I have the feeling Thomson will go with

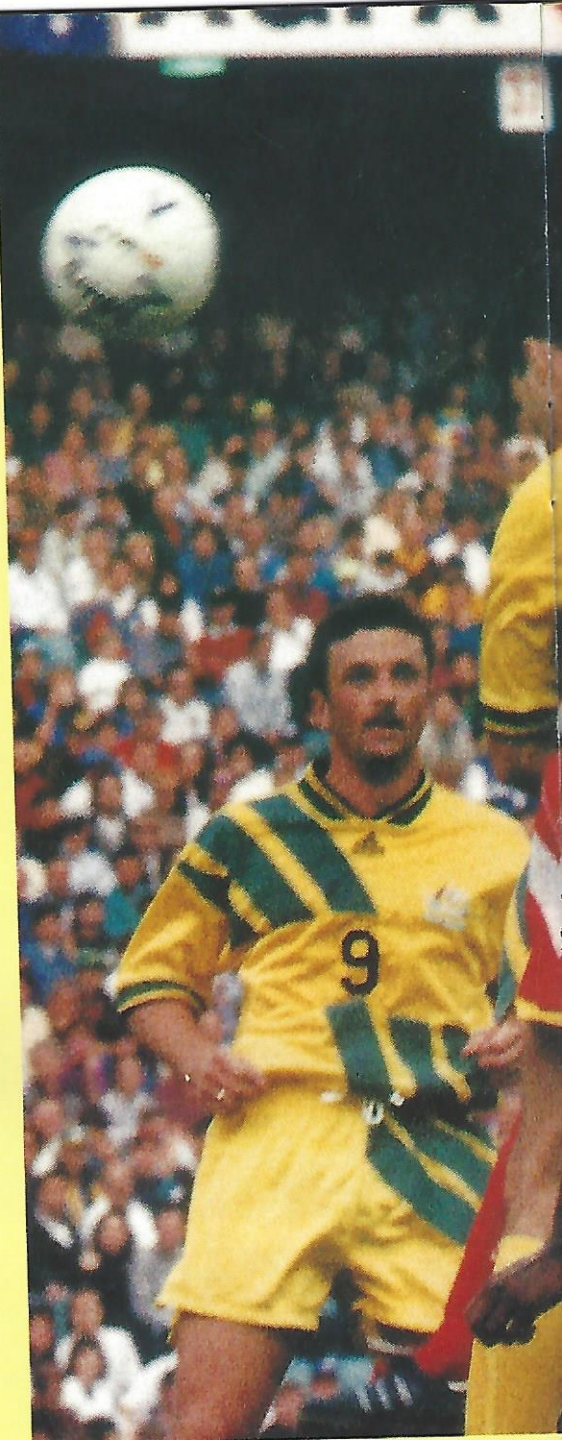
Zabica for the South American matches but that should not be construed as criticism of Schwarzer who, without doubt, will develop into one of our greatest goalkeepers.

As for the squad, it is difficult to see Thomson making too many changes. He will be loyal to the 21 players who have got the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos this far.

However, by the time he has to name his squad, the new Coca-Cola Soccer League will be in full swing. No doubt we will see some fierce competition as some fringe players go all out in their bid to break into the squad. Look for some fireworks in the first four or five rounds.

Those locally-based players already in the squad will be wary of getting injured because there'll be any number of rivals just itching to be given their shot at World Cup glory.

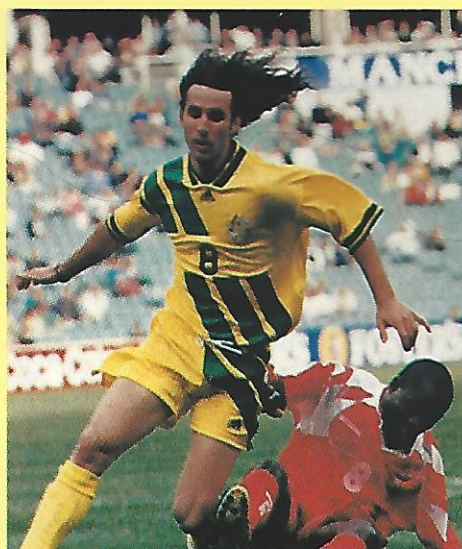
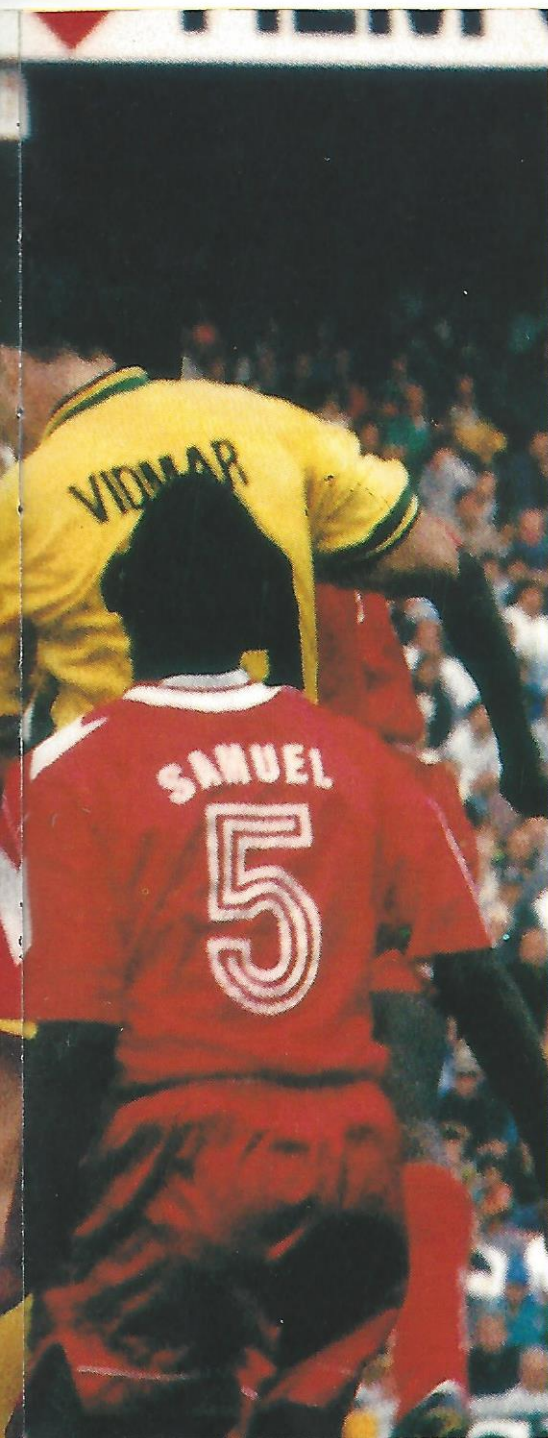
And a word on that magnificent specta-



cle against the Canadians at the Sydney Football Stadium - a game which will go down as one of the best internationals I have seen in many years. Rarely, if ever, have I seen an Australian team play better. It is a sentiment shared by many former Australian internationals. The likes of Zarko Odzakov, Steve O'Connor and John Kosmina were in raptures after the match.

Thomson described the first 45 minutes in which the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos simply destroyed the Canadians as the best exhibition of football he has seen since he came to Australia in the 1970's.

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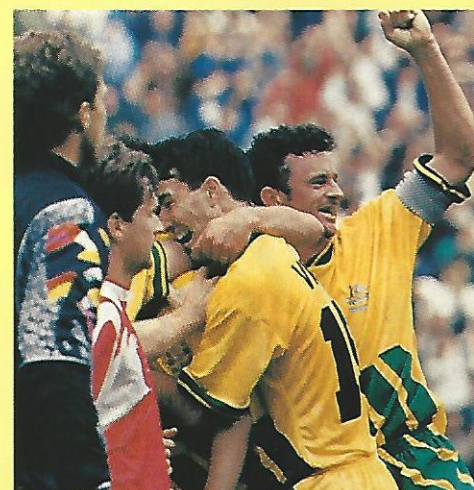


The match proved two things:

(1) Thomson was justified, despite constant criticism, to call on the overseas-based Australians. Farina, Arnold, Slater, Vidmar, Zelic and the rest proved they are True-Blue. The overseas stars thumbed their noses at the critics who said they did not have the heart to play for Australia. How wrong can you be!

These guys forgot about their lucrative careers in Europe and put their bodies - and their futures - on the line for their country.

(2) Australia can afford to have both Ned Zelic AND Milan Ivanovic in the same side.

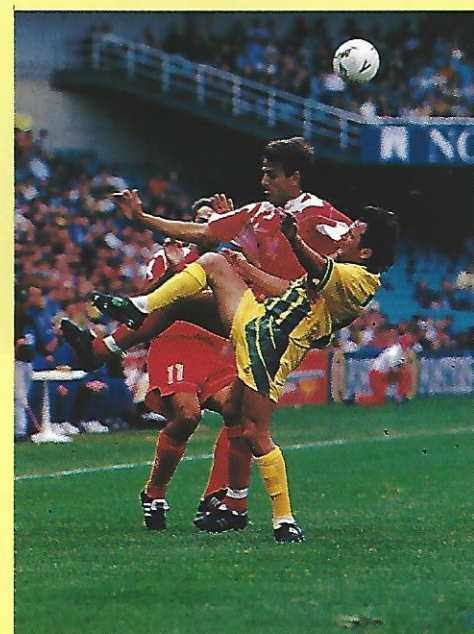


Had it not been for some poor shooting, some bad luck and the incredible goalkeeping feats of Canadian Craig Forrest, Australia would have walked in at halftime leading five or six nil, not 1-0.

As it was, the 'Canadians, with typical courage, regrouped then hit back with an equaliser before Durakovic handed us a lifeline with a well executed header. Durakovic's goal helped send the game into extra time then a penalty shoot-out and it is now history that Mark Schwarzer stepped on to centre stage to become a national hero overnight.

As usual, Zelic never let Australia down and ran himself to the point of exhaustion in Sydney. He had run out of legs when Paul Wade replaced him. By the way, no-one should underestimate the contribution of Wade in those final, harrowing minutes.

When the tank was running on empty he provided the soul, the energy and the inspiration when it was needed most. And what about Ivanovic - the true gentleman of Australian soccer? This man stands supreme as a credit to the sport. Never did he complain when he wasn't in the side. He simply shrugged his shoulders and said: "But how can you leave Ned out of the team? He deserves to be there ahead of me." Thankfully, he was rewarded for his patriotism and professionalism and was the popular pick as man-of-the-match in Sydney.

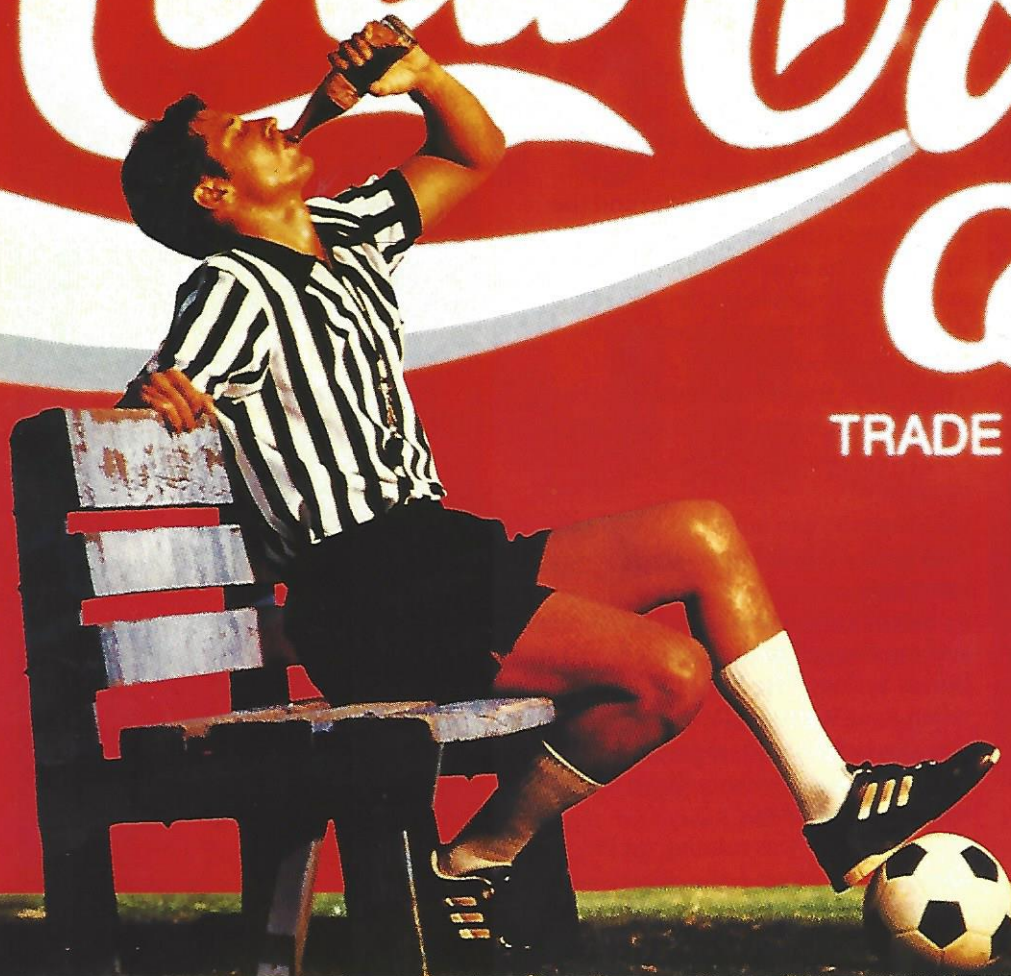


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PARRAMATTA EAGLES

One of the few clubs to record a profit last season and maintaining a similar tight budget under the astute coaching of Rale Rasic. Has potential big name players in Australian Under 17 internationals Josevski and Haythornthwaite, who are likely to be nursed into the team this season. Gomez and Soper will again be the team's cornerstones but there will be additional experience with the arrival of Koch and Moffitt.

1993-94

- **CLOSE SEASON MOVES:** Paul Foster underwent major knee surgery. Aytek Genc, Gerry Gomez and Peter Gunning involved in negotiations for new contracts. Nick Orlich on loan to Canterbury. Paul Souris broke his leg while playing in NSW Super League. Robbie Wheatley is still undecided on whether to continue playing.
- **DEPARTURES:** Peter Katholos (Sydney Olympic as assistant coach). David Lowe (resumed as Marconi player at end of loan). Mike Reda negotiating with Adelaide City.
- **ACQUISITIONS:** Glen Gwynne (Brisbane Utd). Negotiating with John Koch and Craig Moffitt (Newcastle Breakers), Joe Spiteri (Albion, Vic). Wally Ardane (Sydney Olympic) trialling.
- **LIKELY STARTING XI:** Gunning. Gwynne. Falzon. Moffitt. O'Donnell. Koch. Gomez. Genc. Gunning. Mendez. Soper. Squad members: Adioski, Ciantar. Haythornthwaite, Josevski.

1992-93

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
ZORAN ADIOSKI	2	8	0	21	15.3.72
ADAM CIANTAR	19	3	0	21	15.3.72
JASON FALZON	12	3	0	22	2.2.71
PAUL FOSTER	16	7	5	25	28.12.67
AYTEK GENC	25	0	5	27	3.2.66
GERRY GOMEZ	28	0	6	32	18.8.60
GEOFF GUNNING	24	1	1	26	9.10.66
PETER GUNNING	28	0	0	25	28.2.68
TOM HAYTHORNTHWAITE	0	1	0	18	20.9.74
TONY JOSEVSKI	1	2	0	18	3.3.75
PETER KATHOLOS	10	1	1	32	18.3.61
DAVID LOWE	9	7	2	29	30.8.63
GABRIEL MENDEZ	15	7	3	20	12.3.73
SCOTT O'DONELL	20	1	0	25	16.6.67
NICK ORLICH	1	0	0	22	6.8.70
MIKE REDA	22	5	5	20	30.12.72
MARSHALL SOPER	26	0	10	33	12.5.60
PAUL SOURIS	23	0	1	21	2.8.71
ROBERT WHEATLEY	27	0	0	31	17.5.62
COACH					
RALE RASIC	28			58	26.2.35

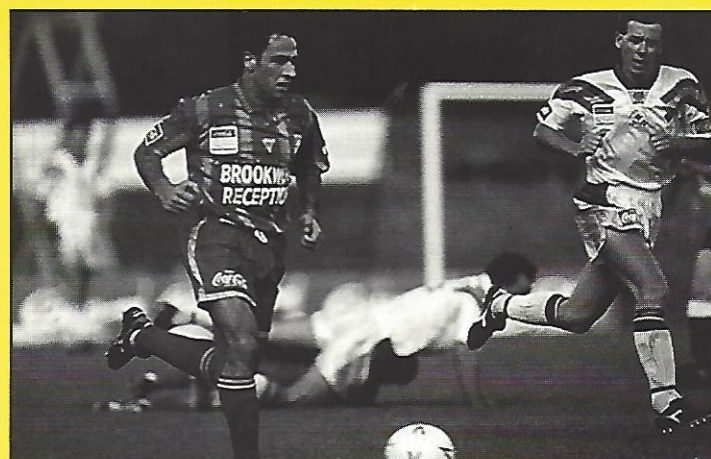
PRESTON

1992-93

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
NIKOLA AVRAMOVSKI	8	0	0	27	10.8.65
ZORAN BIZIMOVSKI	9	2	0	19	21.8.73
NICK CUCULEVSKI	6	11	0	18	30.12.74
NICK GEORGOPOULOS	0	2	0	18	1.3.74
STEVE JACKSON	7	1	1	28	2.8.64
NICK LAZAREVSKI	0	3	0	17	29.10.75
GORAN LOZANOVSKI	12	3	1	18	11.1.74
CHRIS MALINA	0	1	0	18	26.12.74
RAY MARINOVIC	9	1	1	21	9.7.71
JOHN MARKOVSKI	23	0	8	22	15.4.70
GERRY MCALEER	18	3	2	23	14.9.69
SPASE NAJDOVSKI	17	6	7	25	6.5.67
SHAUN PARTON	22	0	2	31	7.9.61
GEORGE PETROV	3	0	0	27	11.4.65

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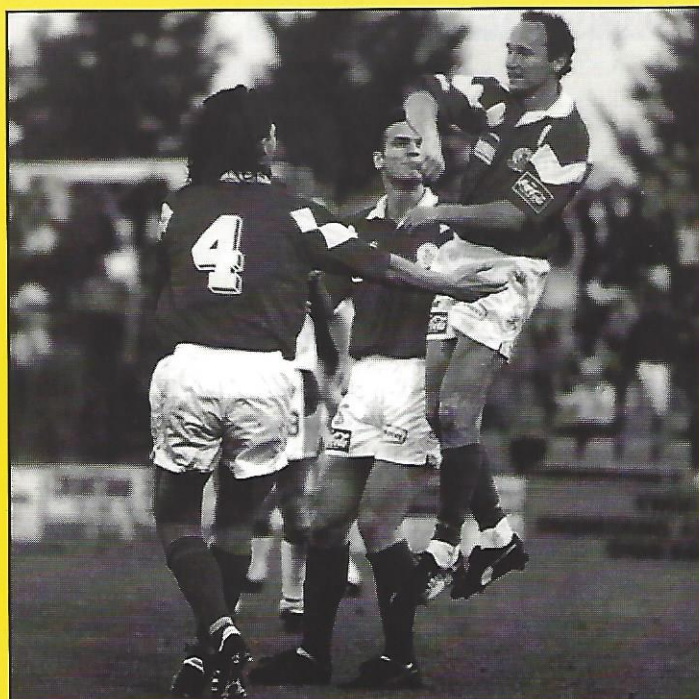
- **CLOSE SEASON MOVES:** Oscar Crino replaced by former Soccerroo Peter Ollerton as coach.
- **DEPARTURES:** Goran Lozanovski (Adelaide City, \$15,000), Zoran Trajceviski (Melbourne CSC). Kris Trajanovski (Sydney Olympic, \$24,000). Shaun Parton (Morwell Falcons, \$4000).



IAN ROODHOUSE	24	0	0	28	15.3.64
ROBERT SPASEVSKI	10	1	1	20	7.11.72
ROBERT STOJCEVSKI	13	3	0	20	1.1.73
ZORAN TASEVSKI	11	1	0	34	30.11.58
PHIL TRAIANEDES	26	0	0	26	31.3.66
KRIS TRAJANOVSKI	18	3	1	20	19.2.72
ZORAN TRAJCEVSKI	23	1	0	27	4.10.65
VASCO TRPCEVSKI	5	3	1	17	7.3.75
ANDREW ZINNI	22	0	3	27	6.3.65
COACH					
IAN DOBSON	3			35	3.10.57
OSCAR CRINO	23			30	9.8.62



ALL THE SEASON'S TRANSFERS



SOUTH MELBOURNE

Linked with an ambitious recruiting campaign involving Andrew Marth, Jason Polak and Milan Blagojevic which came to nothing. The club lost three established first teamers in Mike Petersen, Danny Wright and David Healy and looked like replacing them with youth players from within the club. Will find it hard to maintain the form which brought the minor premiership especially after the big let down in the finals last season. Former players Soc Nicolaides and Peter Laumets appointed staff coaches under Jim Pyrgolios.

1993-94

- **CLOSE SEASON MOVES:** Linked with an ambitious recruiting campaign involving Andrew Marth, Jason Polak and Milan Blagojevic which came to nothing.
- **DEPARTURES:** Danny Wright (Brisbane). David Healy (retired). Bruce MacLaren (retired). Haris Micheil (Heidelberg). Mike Petersen (playing on loan with Pahang, Malaysia). Angie Postecoglou (free agent).
- **ACQUISITIONS:** Angie Goutzioulis (Heidelberg). Ike Alagiozidis (Panserraikos).
- **LIKELY STARTING XI:** Anastasiadis. Muscat. Durakovic. Wade. Hasler. Tasios. Alagiozidis. Trimboli. Goutzioulis. Boutsianis. Awaritefe. Squad members: Blair. Valkanis. Verikakis. Kiratzoglou. Aaron Healey. Tsolakis. <None>

1992-93

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
DEAN ANASTASIADIS	22	0	0	22	6.6.70
FRANCES AWARITEFE	28	0	19	29	18.4.64
STEVE BLAIR	15	0	2	32	28.9.61
CON BOUTSIANIS	28	0	10	21	27.12.71
MEHMET DURAKOVIC	26	0	0	27	13.10.65
GARY HASLER	17	7	1	22	5.7.70
DAVID HEALY	18	6	0	24	13.3.68
ALEX KIRATZOGLOU	1	2	0	18	27.8.74
BRUCE MACLAREN	7	0	0	31	11.5.62
HARIS MICHEIL	6	5	0	24	6.10.68
KEVIN MUSCAT	15	2	0	19	7.8.73
MIKE PETERSEN	13	2	1	28	6.5.65
ANGIE POSTECOGLU	0	1	0	27	27.8.65
STEVE TASIOS	25	0	2	25	31.7.67
PAUL TRIMBOLI	29	0	8	24	25.2.69
PETER TSOLAKIS	20	5	6	27	9.12.65
MICHAEL VALKANIS	0	3	0	18	23.8.74
JOHN VERIKAKIS	0	4	0	17	3.7.75
PAUL WADE	26	0	0	31	20.3.62
DANNY WRIGHT	23	1	0	28	2.11.64
OWN GOALS			3		
COACH					
JIM PYRGOLIOS	29			53	27.12.39

ALL THE SEASON'S TRANSFERS



SYDNEY UNITED

A change of name from Sydney CSC to Sydney United which also included a change of emblem which was revealed on September 15. Manfred Schaefer re-appointed after speculation that he would leave at the end of last season.

1992-93

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB					
MARK BABIC	13	4	0	20	24.4.73	TOM MILICEVIC	19	1	1	21 31.3.72
JOE CALETA	13	9	2	27	30.5.66	ANTÉ MILICIC	4	2	1	21 4.4.72
ANTHONY FRANKEN	15	0	0	28	11.1.65	ANTÉ MORIC	2	3	0	21 9.4.72
JOHN GIBSON	26	0	7	23	10.2.70	IVAN PETKOVIC	18	2	1	32 6.1.60
ERIC HRISTODOULOU	22	0	1	22	23.6.70	TONY POPOVIC	24	0	2	19 4.7.73
MARIO JERMEN	1	8	2	18	2.2.75	ANTÉ RUMORA	20	1	0	32 4.7.60
MIRKO JURILJ	0	1	0	19	4.11.73	ROBERT STANTON	23	0	0	21 15.4.72
ZELJKO KALAC	11	0	0	20	16.12.72	IVAN TOPIC	0	1	0	19 31.1.74
TONY KRSLOVIC	23	1	10	23	14.7.69	MATTHEW ZEC	9	13	2	20 30.3.73
VELIMIR KUPRESAK	24	0	1	29	1.9.63	ANTÉ ZIZIC	3	3	0	20 11.2.73
MANIS LAMOND	16	0	4	26	14.9.66	OWN GOALS			2	
						COACH				
						MANFRED SCHEAFER	26			50 12.2.43

1993-94

• **CLOSE SEASON MOVES:** Zjelko Kalac trialled in Croatia. Velimir Kupresak involved in lengthy negotiations for a contract renewal. Manis Lamond resumed training after lengthy period on sidelines through injury.

• **DEPARTURES:** Joe Caleta & Mark Babic. negotiating with Sydney Olympic.

• **ACQUISITIONS:** Klaus Okon (Parramatta Eagles).

• **LIKELY STARTING XI:** Franken. Jermen. Popovic. Kupresak. Milicevic. Moric. Stanton. Hristodoulou. Gibson. Milicic. Krslovic. Squad members: Jurilj. Lamond. Petkovic. Rumora. Topic. Zec. Zizic. Kalac.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

1992-93

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB					
ZLATKO ARAMBASIC	18	0	7	23	20.9.69	GARY MEIER	9	0	0	37 10.9.55
WALTER ARDONE	2	9	1	22	30.1.71	JOSÉ MENDES	2	1	0	18 11.8.74
ELIAS AUGERINOS	23	0	0	21	31.10.71	BRANKO MILOSEVIC	21	1	0	28 21.8.64
DAVE BARRETT	26	0	0	24	21.2.69	PAUL PANSON	1	1	0	20 11.8.72
ANDREW BERNAL	17	0	1	27	16.5.66	GARY PHILLIPS	23	2	1	29 9.6.63
PABLO CARDOZO	9	12	3	20	23.12.72	DEREK POIMER	5	1	1	19 4.12.73
ANTHONY DROUZAS	0	1	0	19	30.1.74	DAVID SEAL	23	0	12	21 26.1.72
CLINT GOSLING	17	0	0	33	1.5.60	GEORGE SORRAS	11	2	1	21 11.4.72
STEVE HICKMAN	5	2	0	22	24.10.70	TONY SPYRIDAKOS	15	0	0	29 9.4.64
ROBERT IRONSIDE	25	1	5	25	20.8.67	PETER TSEKENIS	8	4	0	19 4.8.73
VAS KALOGERACOS	0	1	0	18	21.3.75	OWN GOALS			2	
PETER KATHOLOS	5	3	1	32	18.3.61	COACH				
GRANT LEE	21	1	1	32	19.10.61	PETER RASKOPOULOS	17			31 22.2.62
						BERTIE MARIANI	9			37 19.5.56

1993-94

• **CLOSE SEASON MOVES:** Wally Ardone training with Parramatta Eagles. David Barrett transfer listed at \$25,000. Club linked with goalkeepers George Bouhoutos (who played on loan with Canterbury in NSW Super League) and Mike Gibson. Bertie Mariani confirmed as coach and Peter Katholos appointed his assistant. Change in administration with Harry Michaels becoming the new president replacing George Paschalis.

• **DEPARTURES:** Zlatko Arambasic (Mechelen, Belgium). Gary Phillips (appointed QSF development officer, transferred to Brisbane). David Seal (Aalst, Belgium, \$100,000). Released from senior squad: Anthony Drouzas.

• **ACQUISITIONS:** Kris Trajanovski (Preston, \$24,000). Mark Babic & Joe Caleta (Sydney Utd).

• **LIKELY STARTING XI:** Gosling. Augerinos. Spyridakos. Bernal. Babic. Ironside. Milosevic. Tsekenis. Caleta. Cardozo.



ALL THE SEASON'S TRANSFERS

WEST ADELAIDE

1992-93

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
RAYMOND BLAIR	21	3	4	34	12.11.58
PETER BLAZINCIC	12	0	0	24	29.5.69
MARK BRAZZALE	21	3	6	23	13.9.69
EDDIE BRISCOE	2	8	2	25	12.3.68
GREG BROWN	28	0	10	30	29.7.62
CLAUDIO CANOSA	3	4	0	29	23.5.63
GUS CERRO	17	1	1	23	17.7.69
HUGO GIMENEZ	23	1	1	28	24.2.65
BRENTON HIERN	2	2	1	28	20.2.65
ROBERT HOOKER	27	0	1	26	6.3.67
JOSE IRIARTE	27	0	15	27	10.2.66
JIM KERAMIDAS	7	7	0	26	16.9.66
STAN LAZARIDIS	28	0	2	20	16.8.72
ALEX MCPHERSON	16	0	0	35	11.3.58
GREG MILLS	23	1	0	22	6.8.70
MARIO PERUCHO	0	2	0	24	27.12.68
BRETT PULLEN	2	4	0	21	16.10.71
PEDRO RICOY	16	5	0	26	27.11.66
ROBBIE SLAGER	28	0	0	27	6.2.66
FRANK TIBALDI	4	0	0	18	31.7.74
JIM TSEKINIS	1	6	0	18	8.5.75
OWN GOALS			2		
COACH					
RAUL BLANCO	28			51	4.12.4

1993-94

- **CLOSE SEASON MOVES:** Jose Iriarte playing on loan with Pahang in Malaysia, likely to return in December. Peter Blazincic played on loan with Adelaide CSC. Greg Brown underwent arthroscopy surgery. Brenton Hiern on loan to Campbelltown (SA). Brett Pullen on loan to Olympians (SA). Pedro Ricoy's contract expired, playing on loan in NSW but unlikely to return. Raul Blanco serving the second of a two year contract as coach. Adrian Santrac retained as assistant coach. Stan Lazaridis renewed contracts after being linked with a possible move to South Melbourne. Robbie Slager broke a leg playing SA State League.
- **DEPARTURES:** Hugo Gimenez to Singapore. Claudio Canosa to Morwell. Alex McPherson released and returned to NSW. Mario Perucho, returned to Uruguay.
- **ACQUISITIONS:** Marc Wingell (Perth Italia). George Slifkas (Heidelberg).
- **LIKELY STARTING XI:** Peter Blazincic. Frank Tibaldi. George Slifkas, Robbie Hooker. Greg Mills. Marc Wingell. Stan Lazaridis. Mark Brazzale. Gus Cerro. Greg Brown. Jim Tsekinis. Squad: Eddie Briscoe, Brenton Hiern. Jim Keramidas. Brett Pullen.

WOLLONGONG CITY

David Ratcliffe re-appointed for his fifth season as coach and again very active in recruiting with a limited budget. Lost his star player Mike Smith to giants Marconi but appears to have made a bargain signing in Scott Ollerenshaw after the Socceroo's stint in England with Walsall. Ratcliffe has been looking for goalkeeping backup from the AIS. Can again be relied to challenge for a finals spot despite limited resources.

1992-93

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
GRANT BARD	6	17	2	22	25.9.70
MINEO BONETIG	12	5	0	23	20.2.70
MARTIN BOURKE	28	0	0	26	9.8.66
PAUL DEE	0	1	0	18	13.8.74
SASHA DIMOSKI	6	2	2	18	11.7.74
JOHN FILAN	6	0	0	23	8.2.70
STEVE FORESHAW	11	3	0	22	25.4.71
SEAN FREESTONE	13	2	0	21	17.2.72
DAVID GREEN	26	0	1	30	4.5.63
MATTHEW HORSLEY	29	0	1	20	9.6.72
BRETT HUGHES	23	0	0	24	19.4.69
STEVE KRISHNA	0	2	0	21	19.3.72

TONY LAUS	6	4	2	26	19.12.66
RICHARD LLOYD	21	4	6	23	15.7.69
PAUL MCFADDEN	25	0	1	27	14.9.65
JOCK MORLANDO	2	0	0	31	5.8.61
MIKE O'SHEA	27	0	3	32	27.5.60
TERRY PATALIS	1	1	0	28	20.6.64
DAVID SKEEN	0	2	0	31	13.1.62
MIKE SMITH	25	0	4	24	30.4.69
MARK TROTH	0	3	0	22	26.11.70
DALE WHITE	26	1	5	25	17.3.68
CHARLIE YANKOS	25	0	7	32	29.5.61
OWN GOALS			3		
COACH					
DAVID RATCLIFFE	29			36	9.3.57

1993-94

- **CLOSE SEASON MOVES:** Paul Dee released. John Filan returned to St George, then sold to Cambridge Utd. Jock Morlando retired as a player and appointed assistant coach. Terry Patalis released. Reclaiming John Angelucci, who wants to move to Marconi but is a registered player of the club after finishing stint at the AIS.
- **DEPARTURES:** Mike Smith (Marconi). Tony Laus (returned to NZ). David Skeen (retired). David Green (retired).
- **ACQUISITIONS:** Scott Ollerenshaw (from Walsall, via Leichhardt), Freddy Kruys (Brisbane Lions). Interested in Richard Machado (Bonnyrigg Eagles).
- **LIKELY STARTING XI:** Hughes. Freestone. Yankos. O'Shea. Bourke. Kruys. McFadden. Horsley. Lloyd. Ollerenshaw. White.



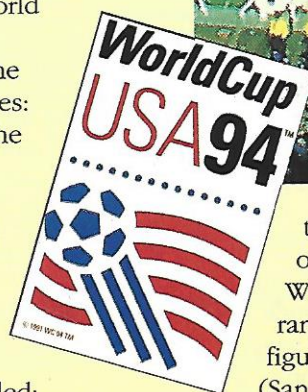
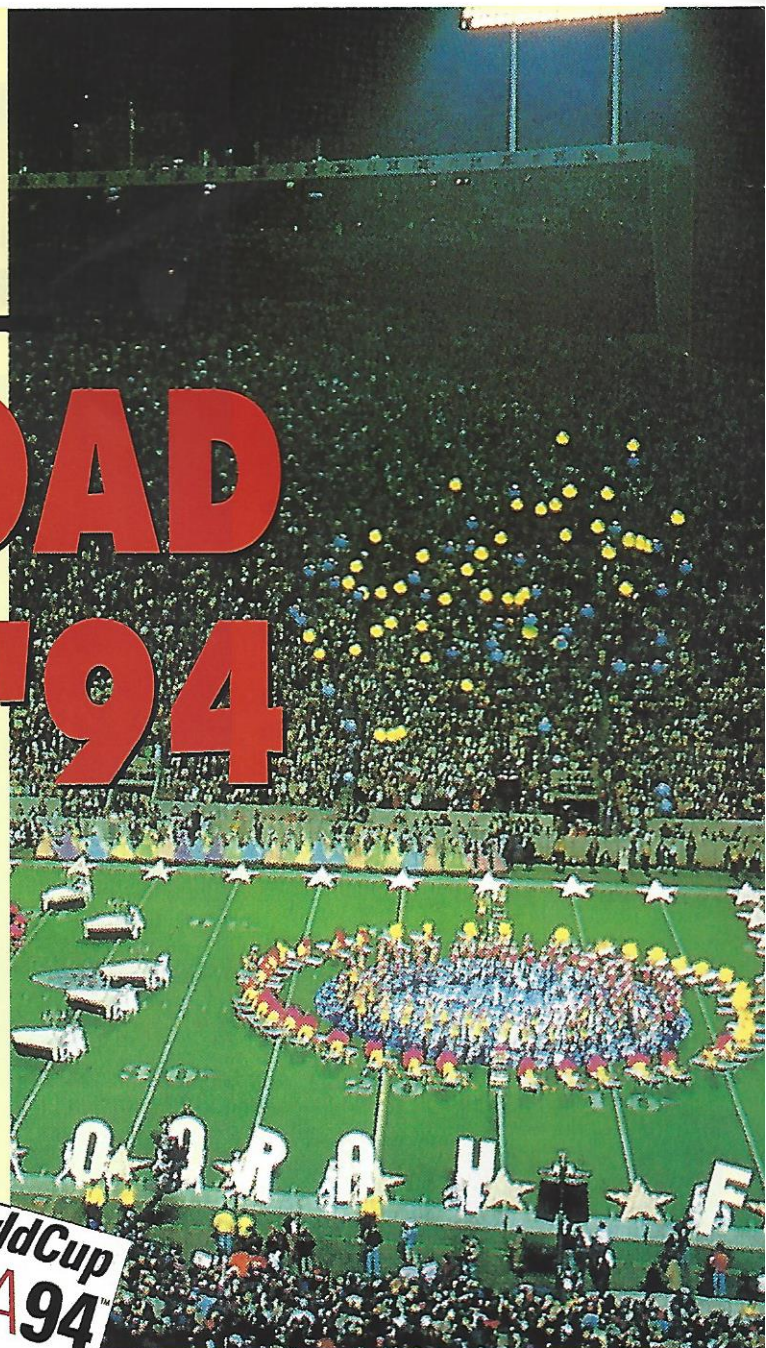
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THE ROAD TO USA '94

DRIVING west out of Dallas on the way to nearby Fort Worth along one of the country's interminable network of freeways, is a huge billboard. On it a Texan cowboy, sitting tall in the saddle, twirls a lasso around a soccer ball. The

caption reads: "The USA captures the World Cup". The use of the word 'capture' was apt. For the US to get hosting rights to the 1994 World Cup finals in the first place was indeed a coup. As a Third World soccer force, with a culture which has always snubbed the world game, they were far from natural hosts. When FIFA did relent and gave them the Cup, the world rumbled its objections. Much of it still does: "They are not a soccer people. They don't like the game and worse, they know nothing about it. They will screw up".

Actually I don't think they will. Not from what I saw on a recent trip to the United States and a trek through its nine World Cup host cities. Organisation high and on or beyond schedule; comfortable, modern, spacious stadiums with a minimum of modifications needed; all domestically available tickets sold. Comparisons with Italia 90 spring to mind. An SBS crew and I did the same journey through Italy's World Cup cities in 1989, correspondingly around a year before the finals. Compared to American fast-trek efficiency, it was a shambles: many stadiums were a forest of bulldozers and cranes, there was even the tragedy of the dead building workers in Palermo, and slow ticket sales. There was a difference, though. The Italians had to rebuild most of their stadiums because of FIFA's insistence on all-seating. Like many European soccer venues, Italy's old grounds had large, standing room terraces. In the States such

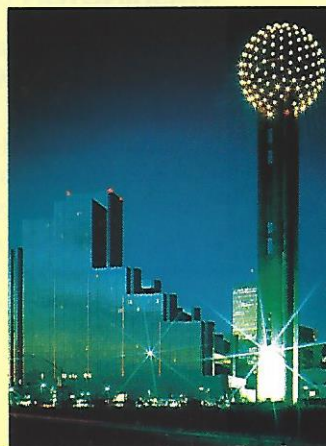


traditions do not exist. All stadiums, even the oldest, were built totally all-seated.

Where the cost of upgrading the Italian grounds ranged from \$40 million to \$180 million (Bari), the top figure to refurbish any of the US venues is \$6 million (San Francisco). Here is a quick pen-trip through the nine US venues and the impressions they gave 12 months before the feast of USA '94:

DALLAS - COTTON BOWL (6 games)

The thriving Texas metropolis will host neither the final, nor the opening game, nor even either of the semi-finals. Yet it has been chosen as one of the most important venues: FIFA will have its headquarters here -





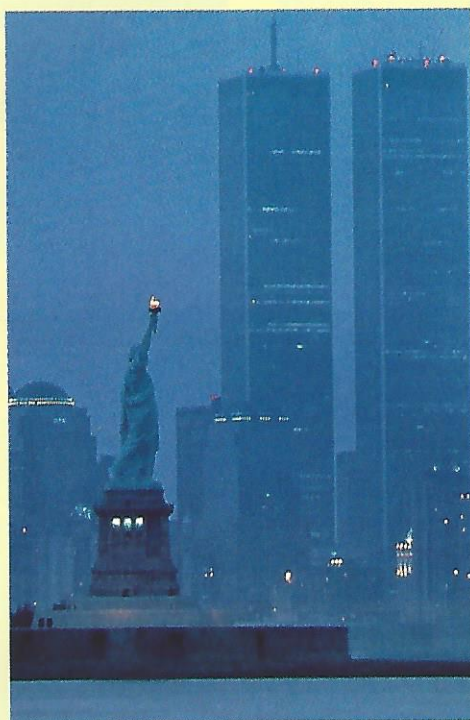
THE ROAD

before moving to Los Angeles at semi-final time - and, with the International Broadcast Centre erected here, Dallas will also be the heart of the Cup's international television coverage. The Cotton Bowl, a vast arena with a 72,000 capacity, is nestled in historic Fair Park, east of downtown Dallas. The park has a network of other historic buildings and museums, one of which will be converted into FIFA headquarters. The Cotton Bowl, so called because of the local cotton industry, needed minimal refurbishment's: a new turf, new press areas and the pitch widened at the expenses of two rows of seats.



ORLANDO - CITRUS BOWL (5 games)

The theme park capital of the world, and global centre of Disney-style schmaltz, Orlando is a great place to take the kids if this is one of your World Cup stopovers. In between games filling the days is not hard: Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Seaworld, Universal Studios, you name it. The Citrus Bowl, home of the Orlando Lions American Football team, has a capacity of 70,000 and sits in a pretty setting among this region's vast network of ponds and lagoons. It too, had to have the pitch widened and new turf laid after the 'crown' (the elevated central portion of the field) was reduced by some 30 centimetres. Take the brolly. The World Cup falls into the wet season, when it rains here every day around mid afternoon.



NEW YORK - GIANTS STADIUM (7 games)

The Big Apple will be oblivious to the games, given that you have to take a 20 minute drive across the Hudson River from Manhattan to get to the ground in New Jersey, but then the Big Apple is oblivious to everything. The stadium is superb - the one that reminds one of the aristocratic European soccer venues, such as San Siro or Nou Camp. Except it has Astroturf which will be laid on top of the synthetic stuff and then removed. Its capacity is 77,000.

WASHINGTON DC - RFK STADIUM (5 games)

To be fair, not the most impressive of the nine stadiums. The RFK is a bit rundown, so much so that the owner of its tenant, the Washington Redskins, wants to build a new one. It does have a roof, unlike most of the others, and is easy to get to. Just drive along the Mall, go around the Capital building and

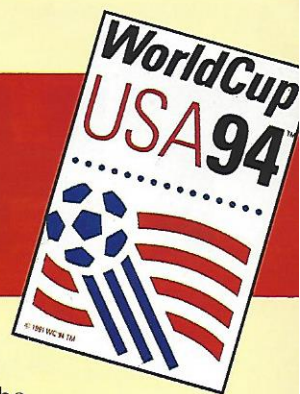
head straight. And on the way you'll spot most of the US capital's myriad of monuments and historic sights. The RFK has a capacity of 56,000.

BOSTON - FOXBORO STADIUM (6 games)

Named after the distant township in which it is located, the Foxboro is a good hour's drive south west of Boston but worth the trip. It doesn't seem to stop fans of the New England Patriots, who play here, from doing it. Foxboro has a population of 18,000. The stadium holds 51,000 after losing 3,000 seats in renovations. It is modern, comfortable and with amenities that befit one of America's most vibrant and sophisticated cities. The 'Cradle of Liberty' is one of the most attractive of the nine chosen cities. Do include it in your tour if you can.



TO USA '94



CHICAGO - SOLDIER FIELD (5 games)

This, too, is one of the better chosen cities. Chicago is a great place to visit - stunning architecture, wonderful shopping and eating, the home of the Bears and handsomely set on the shores of Lake Michigan. The stadium, so named in the memory of the soldiers of World War One, is a majestic old structure, build in 1923 with an original capacity of 126,000. It has long since been reduced literally chopped back in length, to hold 65,000, which it does when the Chicago Bears are at home. Re-turfed with Kentucky Bluegrass for the Cup, it is beautifully set in an historic park near the lake. The opening game will be here.



DETROIT - PONTIAC SILVERDOME (4 games)

The city that 'motorised the world' is no longer what it used to be but the stadium alone is worth the visit. This is
SOCCER AUSTRALIA

one of the most stunning sporting venues in the world. I will rate it next to the San Siro and the San Nicola in Bari as among the most memorable I have seen. It is totally roofed - an indoor venue - with a soft teflon covering which would collapse if it were not for massive volumes of air being constantly blown into the stadium. Sitting in it, you are literally inside a balloon. Then there is the matter of replacing the synthetic grass with the real stuff for the Cup. It has already been done for the US Cup. The formula: grow the stuff in 30cm deep, three-metre wide hexagonal pods and store it in the car park. When it's time to use it, just wheel it in on forklifts and assemble it like a tiler assembles a tiled floor. It's brilliant. The Silverdome has a capacity of 76,000.

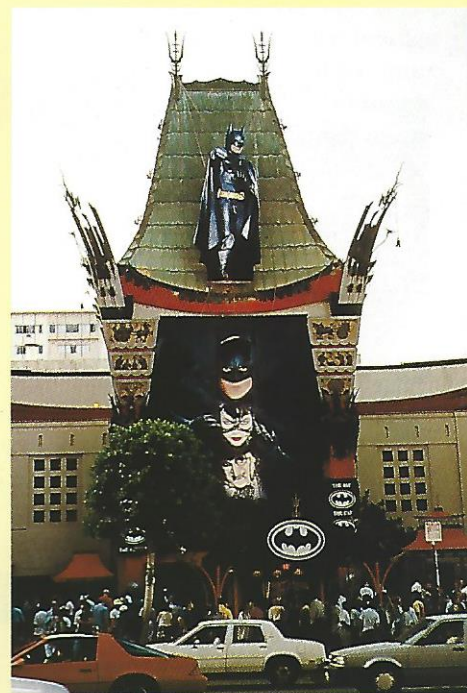


SAN FRANCISCO STANFORD STADIUM

(6 games)

Situated in Palo Alto, on the grounds of Stanford University, this vast though very old stadium got its guernseys by default. The World Cup people wanted the more modern Candlestick Park but failed because the World Cup dates clashed with those of the San Francisco

Giants baseball team which uses the venue. Stanford is around 50 minutes drive from America's prettiest city to a very pretty outpost: a leafy, romantic setting dotted with huge, rambling eucalyptus trees once imported from Australia. The stadium, is also the biggest of all nine venues with a capacity of 103,000. Renovations included widening the pitch by 15 metres each side and the construction of new, swank media facilities. During the Cup a shuttle bus system will operate between LA and the stadium.



LOS ANGELES - ROSE BOWL (8 games)

This will be the busiest stadium of all and venue for the final. A nice place to have it, as we already know from the 1984 Olympic final having been held there. Pasadena is a ritzy, quiet outpost east of Hollywood, a kind of super Wahroonga or Toorak, about a half hour drive from LA proper.

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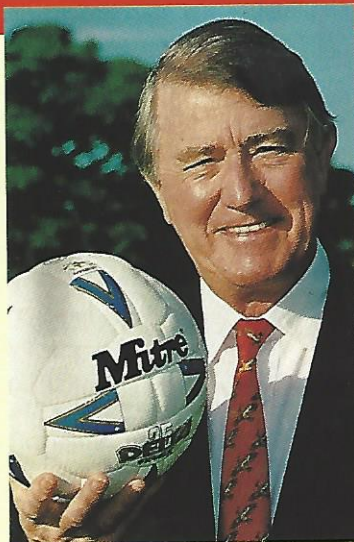
NEVILLE WRAN

ASF President

It didn't take long for Wran's appointment to take effect. The media pricked up its ears at the news a new position had been created for the former NSW Premier. For once soccer has a figurehead known in the wider community. But as much as Wran was chosen for his profile, he was also appointed because of his political clout, determination and leadership qualities. Not to mention his love of the game.

Wran has already tasted success in soccer, chairing a local organising committee for this year's FIFA/Coca-Cola World Youth championship.

Wran doesn't want to become soccer's "supremo" but he is committed towards it's becoming a fully-professional sport at national league level and that this may have to be achieved with fewer clubs.



In the past year, soccer in Australia has received unprecedented coverage. As we head towards the year 2000, soccer will grow from strength to strength.
JUSTIN BRASIER
profiles in brief those main men of the Australian Soccer Federation who are making it all happen.

JOHN DIMTSIS

ASF Deputy Chairman



Unlike many of soccer's power brokers, 50-year-old Dimtsis has a sporting background in Australian rules football. He played for a Melbourne suburban club and as friend and Melbourne soccer journalist Jose Montes recalls, was a big lump of a lad. "Being of Greek origin he loved soccer but because he was a big boy, footy suited him better than soccer," said Montes.

Dimtsis is a former president of Heidelberg United (old Fitzroy Alexander) in the early 1970's and was involved with the Victorian

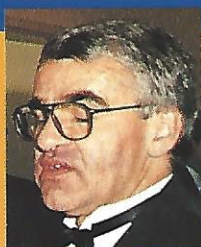
Soccer Federation for more than a decade before he became an ASF commissioner four years ago.

The finance broker and father of two stands more than six foot but is a gentle giant. "He's a peacemaker," said Montes. "He wants every club to succeed in the game. He is involved in anything that will help soccer become a better game."

Dimtsis is tour manager of the Coca-Cola Joeys who are involved in this month's Under 17 World Cup in Japan.

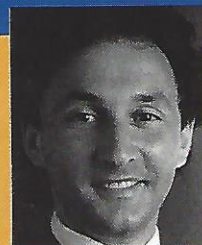
BASIL SCARSELLA

During his 15 years as goalkeeper for South Australian league club Campbelltown, Scarsella copped his fair share of flak. Now as an ASF commissioner, nothing much has changed. As Scarsella has discovered, not everyone is happy with the decisions the ASF makes. "Soccer is really a part of growing up," Scarsella said. "For me, my soccer days were a forming of my character." Bemoaning the fact strikers got all the adulation and keepsers the blame, he described the keepers job as a "thankless task". Scarsella was awarded life membership of Campbelltown after playing some 300 games for the club. The 37 year old father of three joined the ASF in 1989.



RODNEY ADLER

Adler wants to break down the ethnic barriers that many believe are stifling the growth of soccer in this country. "I would like to, if I can use the term, 'Australianise' the game. Football means other things here than what it does around the world," he said in a recent interview. Adler was appointed Chief Executive Officer of FAI in December 1988, after being the Group Investment Manager for five years. He has a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of New South Wales, a Master of Economics Degree from Macquarie University and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. Adler is married with two children



THE TOP

Shortly after this story was compiled Sam Papasavas passed away (Sunday 26th September 1993) after a long illness. Papasavas will long be remembered for his involvement in the game, at all levels and for his individual drive in helping initiate the formation of the N.S.L. in the mid 1970's. A visionary and a tireless worker, Papasavas has left a valuable legacy in Australian Soccer, and our deepest sympathy goes out to his family and friends.

JOHN CONSTANTINE, A.M., O.A.M. ASF Chairman



Rheumatic fever cut short Constantine's promising football career at school. Thankfully he turned his hand to administration, becoming president of Sydney Olympic and holding that post for seven years. A further seven years as NSW Soccer Federation president between 1983 and 1989 groomed him for better things. But, the solicitor experienced disappointment when Ian Brusasco beat him for the Chairman's position in 1988. He won two years later and has been twice decorated for his services to soccer. Since becoming Chairman, John has been instrumental in instigating and implementing the far-reaching recommendations of the Bradley Report.



SAM PAPASAVAS

Papasavas is a practising successful solicitor in Victoria and was the man behind the NSL's season switch from winter to summer which has since been applauded as a success. But he has also been an outspoken critic of the Bradley report and believes it devoted too much emphasis to clubs' ethnicity and should have channelled more resources into administration and ground development.

As one commissioner revealed, Papasavas hasn't always been the most popular man in soccer. "If he thought you were talking crap, he'd come right out and tell you and that hasn't always rested easy on others". George Vasilopoulos, president of South Melbourne said, "One thing I've always admired about Sam is his mental capacity to absorb a lot of pressure. He taught me most of what I know. I still seek his guidance and not just on soccer either."

Many, including George Wallace, believe it was Papasavas who put the NSL on the map and provided the vision to develop the infrastructure for junior teams which have produced the likes of Ned Zelic, Frank Farina and Aurelio Vidmar.

His dream was to develop a national competition and although the NSL is still in its fledgling stage, Papasavas remains a visionary and has predicted that there will be six clubs in Australia with full-time professional players before 1998.

ALAN RYDGE

With television playing such a big part in soccer these days, it is perhaps not surprising that a movie man has joined the game's most prominent body in Australia. Rydge has had over 23 years experience in the entertainment industry and is a director of Village Roadshow Limited and Village Roadshow Corporation. Soccer is not one of Rydge's listed interests and like fellow new independent commissioner Rodney Adler, his sporting background is centered

around rugby. However, he represents fresh ideas and has the entrepreneurial talent to capitalise on the blossoming profiles of Australia's national, Olympic and youth teams. Rydge is chairman of Amalgamated Holdings, parent company of the Greater Union cinema group.



IAN HOLMES

ASF Chief Executive

One of Holmes' hardest tasks recently involved telling his son Daniel, 6, that goalkeeper Mark Bosnich wouldn't play in the World Cup match against Canada. "He was devastated," recalled Holmes. Although he failed to get Bosnich back, he is confident the episode won't set a precedent for our other overseas-based stars. "Players have got to have confidence in their own ability that they won't lose their club place by representing Australia," he said. Holmes was only 19 when he became president of the Canterbury Soccer Association which had more than 4,500 players on its books. Six years later he was in charge of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation. It was only a matter of time before he joined the NSW Soccer Federation and then the ASF. Holmes, 36, is an ASF troubleshooter and one who is very much involved in the day-to-day running of the business. He believes Australian soccer is following the right path but concedes there is a long haul before we catch the countries which have full-time professional leagues.



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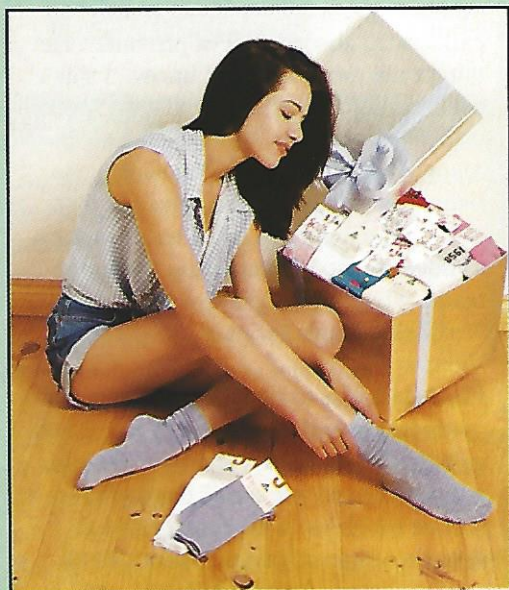


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For those still determined to catch the final moments of what has generally been a disappointing ski season in Australia, here are some quality products. Remember! It's vital that you don't head off to the snow without the correct eye protection. Excellent vision is essential for perfect skiing and if you are not wearing good lenses you can actually get snow blindness. Since 1979, there has been a four per cent decrease in the atmospheric ozone, leading to an eight per cent increase in Ultra Violet B. The outcome? An increase in the risk of eye complications such as snow blindness. So don't let your eyes suffer. Bolle, Carrera and Ray-Ban can protect your eyes against Ultra Violet radiation and glare. They are available from stores and leading optical outlets.

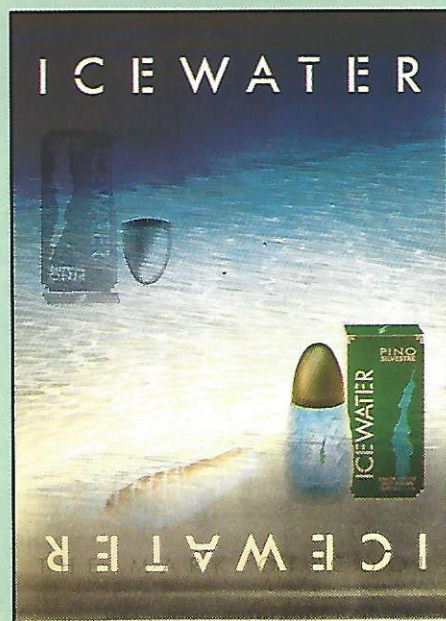
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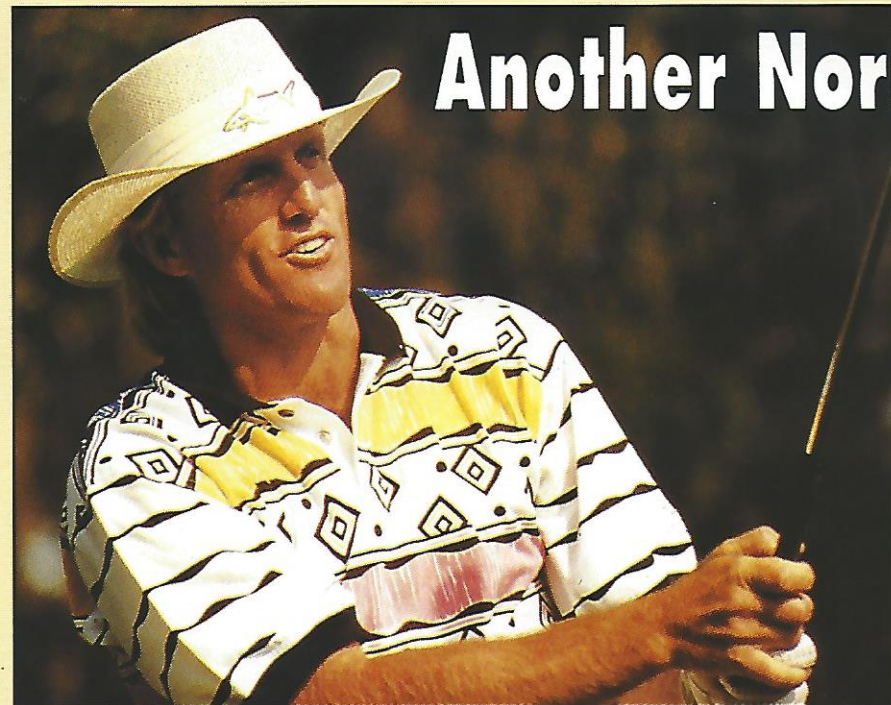
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Icewater is the latest offering from international fragrance line Pino Silvestre and is a sophisticated fragrance for men who want to be noticed. The name Icewater was chosen to continue the idea contained in Pino Silvestre, with its strong emphasis on naturalness and freshness, this time highlighting the fresh, cool aspect of the new fragrance. Icewater is for men aged between 18 and 54 and will be available soon in pharmacies. Icewater is for the man with a clearly defined personality who is quite sporty and fits into a wide range of situations easily.



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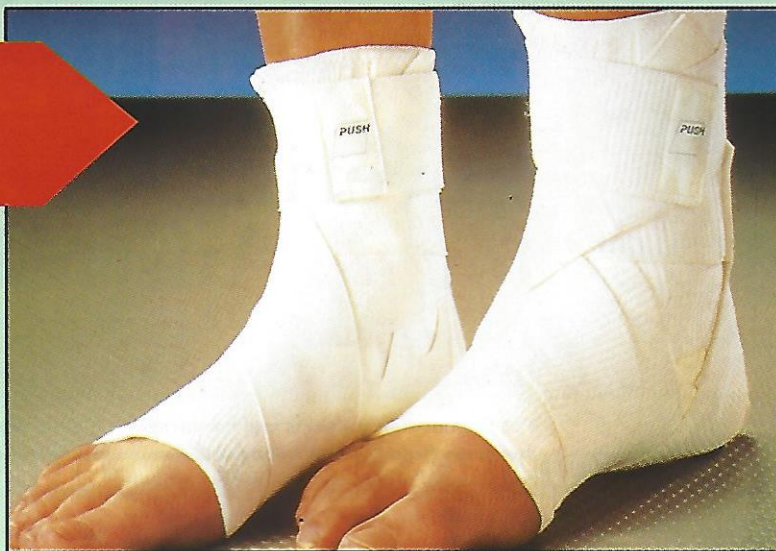


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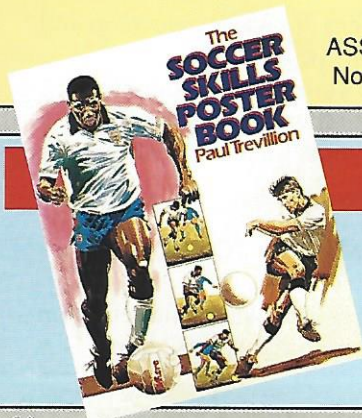
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Six months in **THE LIFE OF A SOCCER PLAYER**

In March 1993, 18 young Australian players were heroes to Australian Soccer fans after their exploits in reaching the semi finals of the World Youth Cup. Six months later they now have to establish themselves in senior soccer. This means competing in an age block of 18 to 32 years, often against ex-youth internationals, Olympic players and full internationals' never mind the "old pro" with over 250 first class games under their belts. For four of the players this battle to establish themselves will take place abroad. Agostino in Switzerland, Carbone, Muscat and Moore in England.

Agostino is probably the most established player after two years in the Swiss first division with the Young Boys of Berne.

However the trio in England are eminently suited to British Football. They are physically strong, have "good engines" and an excellent attitude. We may not see them back for a few years. How will the boys who decided to stay in Australia and play in the *Coca-Cola* Soccer League fare?

Two players, goalkeeper Vince Matassa and left back Marc Wingell have surprisingly decided to stay in Western

*By
Steve
Darby*

Australia. The reason being that Western Australia has entered into an Asian-based competition and they feel that the combination of home, education and international football with WA is their best option.

A few of the players already seem to have established CCSL first team spots. These being Peter Tsekenis at Sydney Olympic, and the two Antes, Milicic and Moric at Sydney United. Also it seems likely that Sean Cranney will overcome his knee injuries and re-establish himself at Brisbane.

A few of the other players may have battles on their hands, in particular the Marconi trio of Darren Locca, Aaron Holst and Fabio Macolino, for they have to push themselves into a Grand Final winning team, which is packed with experienced internationals such as Ian Gray and Tom McCullough.

Frank Arok however has shown his faith in youth by promoting Ufuk Talay, but there are only so many places available for that elusive

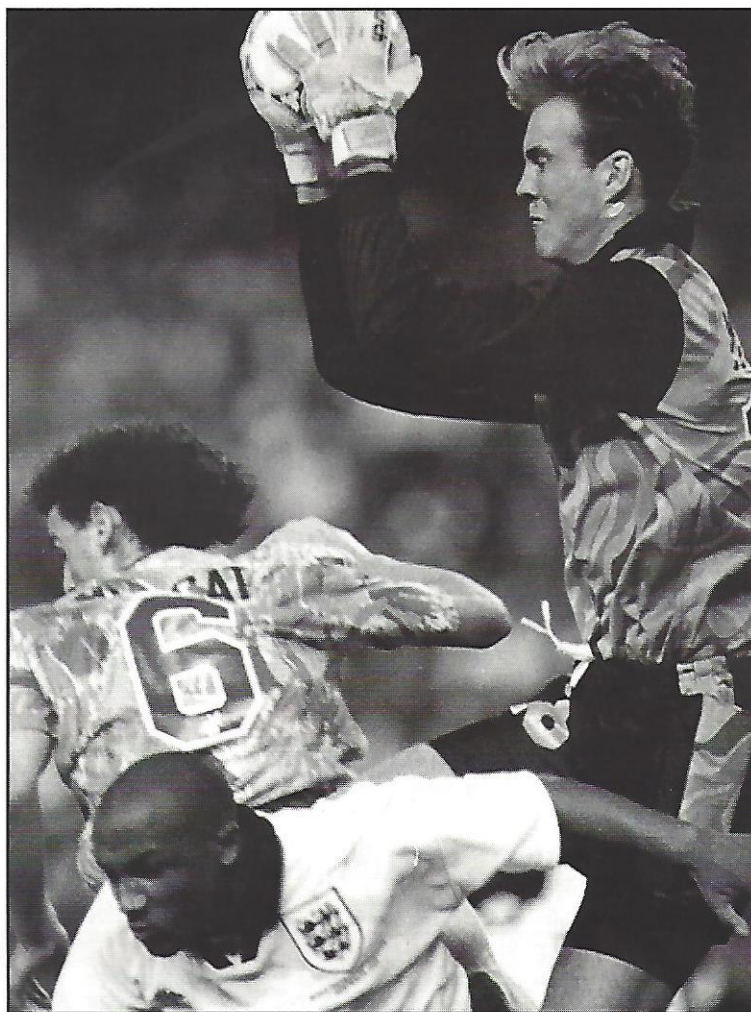
blend of youth and experience.

Two other players with similar battles on their hands are goalkeeper Frank Juric who has to fight for the keeping spot at Melbourne Knights with David Miller and Joe Rados; and Jimmy Tsekenes who is trying to oust Greg Brown and Jose Iriarte at West Adelaide. They are certainly up against tough opposition.

Perhaps the hardest job is for the three players who are at State League Clubs, Ante Juric at Canberra Metros, Nick Radeki at Springvale and Vasco Trpvski at Preston.

These players have to decide, do they stay at their state league clubs who have helped develop them, or do they transfer to a CCSL club in the pursuit of top competition?

They were all heroes in March 1993, this should never be forgotten and the Soccer fraternity must give them every opportunity to fulfil their obvious potential. I wonder if in March 1994 all the eighteen will be household names? Let's hope so!



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By Richard Kreider

It's all been happening in the west in the past couple of months. Although a Perth-based club is still not prepared to stretch its hands across the Nullarbor and join forces with the *Coca-Cola* Soccer League there have been lots of developments to keep soccer in the news.

The biggest breakthrough is that Perth will field a team in the Singapore National Premier League in 1994. But one teenager who will not be in the team is former Australian Young Socceroo Tony Carbone who was sold to Nottingham Forest for \$200,000 in late July having signed a three year contract.

Carbone is the first "student" to graduate from a development program initiated by Western Australia's leading soccer power, Perth Italia.

But first things first.

The news that a Perth-based team would compete in Singapore was greeted by stunned silence in the eastern states.

That's not surprising because the "Asian Adventurer" would be operating on a \$750,000 budget.

Rumors have been rife about the make-up of the side but it seems certain Perth Italia will play a key role in its formation.

At the time of going to press, Frank Schaper, President of the Professional Soccer Federation of WA and a leading promoter of the Singapore move, denied suggestions that Italia would be the backbone of the team.

"We will be drawing on the best we have available," Schaper said.

He need look no further than Italia,

AN ASIAN ADVENTURE

who, despite being only six years young, already has an awesome honors list.

The club was formed from the amalgamation of Perth Azzurri, East Fremantle Tricolore and Balcatta Etna.

It was an impressive foundation on which to build as Azzurri (nine) and Tricolore (five) won half of WA's championships between 1960 and 1987.

In the same period they also achieved a remarkable 15 D'Orsogna Cup victories.

The principal architect of the new club was the late Guglielmo (Bill) Buralli, then with Tricolore.

He told the respective presidents their clubs were in "stagnant" mode and recommended they form a strong, professional unit incorporating an effective junior development program. The intention was to join the CCSL. That campaign may have faded but the rest has been deeply etched into WA soccer folklore.

"Proof of this hasa been this past year where we have had three Youth internationals and one *Coca-Cola* Socceroo," a proud president Ennio Tavani said.

The Perth Italia "Academy of Soccer" has produced a remarkable number of

top players in such a short time.

Carbone aside, his Australian Youth international teammates Marc Wingell and goalkeeper Vince Matassa both learned their trade at the club.

Wingell has been linked with England's Newcastle United while Matassa is currently playing at North Perth Croatia as he considers his next step.

Italia also has an abundance of raw talent just setting out on the road to fame and fortune.

Dale Wingell, Marc's younger brother, is having a sensational debut season in the seniors as a winger while John Carbone - yes Tony's brother - is knocking on the first team door after earning international honors with the *Coca-Cola* Joeys.

Sebastian Naglieri also team up with John in the *Coca-Cola* Joeys.

There is also an impressive array of experienced senior talent led by coach Gary Marocchi and leading goalscorer Frank Bate.

Marocchi, the former Adelaide City player and national team captain, won the 1992 Coach of the Year award and is a hot favorite to repeat - especially if Italia makes it five successive league titles.

But all good things must come to an end, sometime. That was the case back on June 19 when Italia, 27 league games undefeated, faced arch rival Floreat Athena.

Athena had just appointed former Spearwood Dalmatinac coach Eric Williams after Mickey Brennan resigned and they were pumped up to impress. That's just what they did halting Italia's dream run with a 4-2 victory.

So, as dawn breaks on a new, exciting era for soccer in the west, it's important for WA's top administrators not to forget the grass roots game - and formidable clubs such as Perth Italia.



• *Perth Italia ... a formidable club.*

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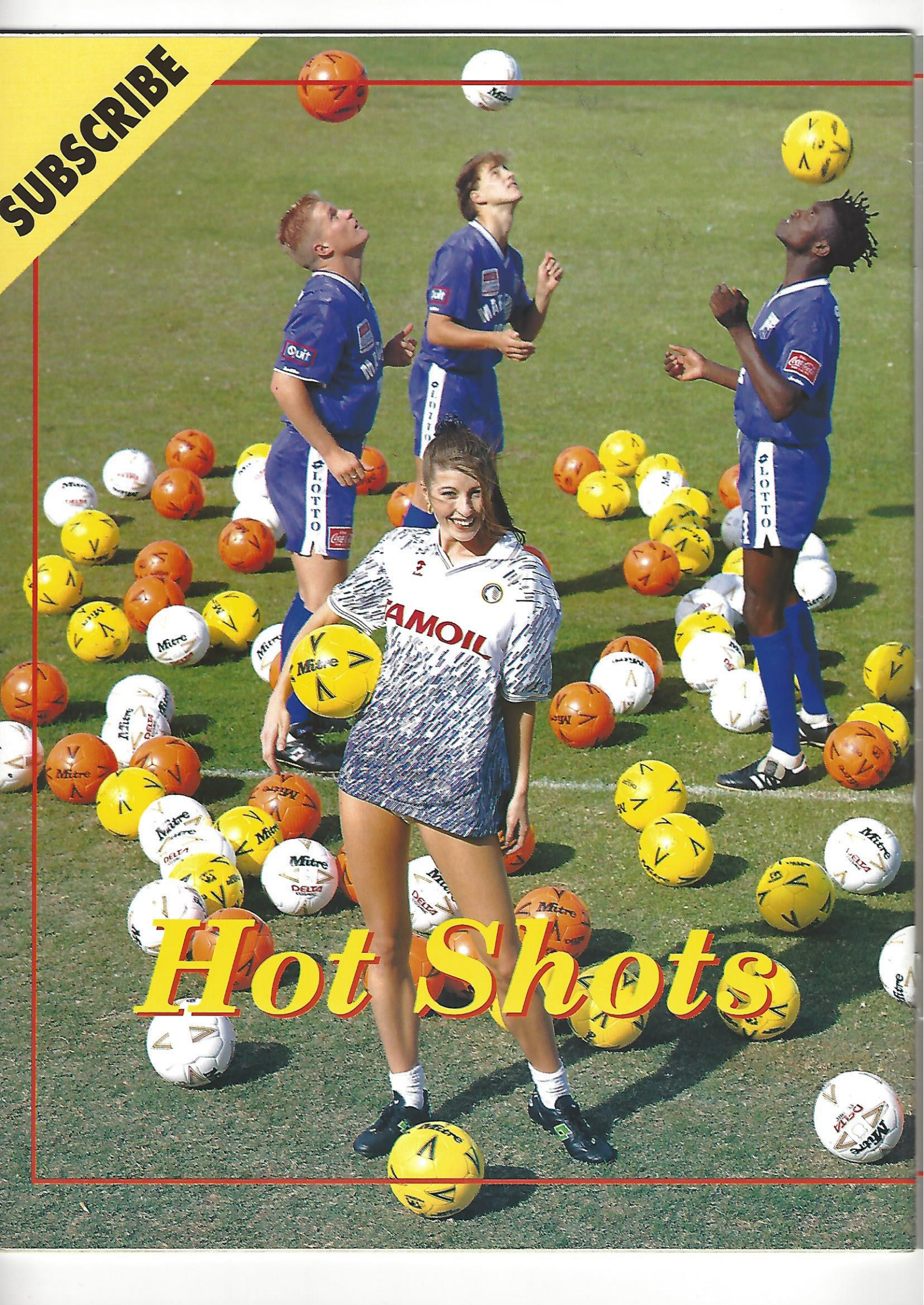
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